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BATTLESHIP BISMARCK IS HIT TWICE BY R.A.F. TORPEDOES

Grim Chase To Avenge The Hood Continues

Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, May 26 (UP).—It is officially announced by the Admiralty that torpedo-bombing craft of the Fleet Air Arm, which have been scouring the North Atlantic seas for the German battleship Bismark, sighted the warship to-day and attacked her, scoring two direct hits with torpedoes.

The first Admiralty announcement stated that the chase of the Bismark, the battleship which had sunk H.M.S. Hood in a North Atlantic sea, has been hotly pursued.

"This evening, torpedo bombers of the Fleet Air Arm scored a hit with a torpedo on the Bismark. The hunt is continuing."

Later came another Admiralty communique which stated that the torpedo bombers had scored a second hit with a torpedo on the Nazi battleship and that the "hunt continues."

R. A. F. HITS BACK HARD AT CRETE

Accomplishes Grand Work

CAIRO, May 26 (Reuter).—Renewed intervention of British aircraft in the Crete fighting is revealed in to-day's British R.A.F. communique.

"Heavy attacks by bomber and fighter aircraft of the R.A.F. were carried out yesterday and throughout the previous night on enemy positions and aircraft in Crete, particularly successful results being obtained."

Passionate Plea By Menzies

Calls For Absolute Unity Of Purpose

SYDNEY, May 26 (Reuter).—Appealing for unity in Australian politics, Prime Minister Mr. Menzies, who has just returned from England and the United States said, "I don't care whether I remain leader, but whoever is leader must be supported by unity of purpose in action and the spirit of the people."

He hoped that his warm personal friendship with the Labour Party leader Mr. Curtin might prove a symbol of ultimate all round co-operation of all Parties. "Parliament must be an instrument of unity not of dissension. I was astonished to return from the magnificent unity in England to find Labour members of the War Council in Australia still without executive powers. We must have co-operation of all Parties to face this supreme TURN to Back Page, Column 3

British Press Slowly Forward In Iraq

CAIRO, May 26 (Reuter).—A British R.A.F. communique reports activity in Iraq. It states: "A large number of sorties was made yesterday against military objectives in Ramadi and several fires were started."

"The aerodrome at Mosul was bombed and a number of aircraft which were machine-gunned on the ground were severely damaged."

"At Baquba, German aircraft on the ground were bombed and machine-gunned, two being set on fire."

"Enemy aircraft attacked the same date."

Contact Maintained

LONDON, May 26 (Reuter).—The Bismark, pride of the German Navy, has been struck by a torpedo of the British Fleet Air Arm and the Royal Navy to-night is in hot pursuit of the damaged warship.

This announcement was made in a special Admiralty communique to-day.

Nazi 72 hours after the British and Nazi naval forces met off Greenland early on Saturday morning, the British Navy has maintained contact with the enemy in a pursuit which must have ranged over hundreds of miles.

Obstinate Chase

TOKYO, May 26 (UP).—Rear Admiral Katsumi Yukishima, reputed to be the foremost Japanese expert regarding relative foreign navies, and former Captain of the battleship Nagato, characterized as "ill luck," the sinking of the Hood, apparently, when the Bismark was obliged to open fire on account of the Hood's obstinate chasing.

Malaya A Guarantee Of Peace

LONDON, May 26 (Reuter).—The High Command of the British Imperial forces look upon the Malayan garrison as the best insurance of peace in the Far East, declared Major-General A. E. Percival, General Officer Commanding, Malaya, in an interview to-day.

General Percival disclosed that the garrison stretches from the northern frontier of Malaya to Borneo and explained that the aerodromes which extended to the frontiers of China must be protected by land forces. "The past policy, he added, of having a large number of aerodromes had proved a wise one. This further increased the manifold difficulties of establishing hostile air superiority which, in any case, was difficult of achievement owing to the distances involved."

Mr Cross Welcome To Australians

LONDON, May 26 (Reuter).—Mr S. M. Bruce, Australian High Commissioner, speaking at a luncheon in London to-day, welcomed the appointment of Mr Ronald Cross as United Kingdom High Commissioner to Australia and referred to the close and successful co-operation now possible between Britain and the Dominion Governments.

War Weapons Week

LONDON, May 26 (Reuter).—The total amount raised during the London "War Weapons Week" is officially announced as £120,410,000, which is an average per head of the population of £21.

Present Food Situation In Europe is Analysed

Special to the "Telegraph"

WASHINGTON, May 26 (UP).—The Department of Agriculture announced to-day that despite shortages in some essential commodities, food supplies in continental Europe were sufficient to maintain the current rationing systems and to prevent serious distress.

Regarding Germany, the announcement stated: "The food problem is not likely in the near future to become critical. War has not yet interfered with agricultural production, due to vast reserves which were accumulated before the war, and also as a result of requisitioning from conquered countries."

The situation in Italy is less favourable because of the army demands and because reserves are less.

De Valera's "No" To Conscription

Special to the "Telegraph"

DUBLIN, May 26 (UP).—In a statement before the Dail, the Premier, Mr Eamon de Valera repudiated the right of Britain to impose conscription on North Ireland. He emphasised that Ireland had pledged itself years before the war began that it would not permit its territory to be used as a base for any enemy attack on Britain. The forces of Ireland are organised to maintain neutrality and are a guarantee that Ireland means to keep her pledge.

He declared that he had called the Dail together in order to make clear representations, not to appear to come from one man or Government or from any party or state, but from all parties of the entire Irish people.

Mr De Valera said that there could be no more grievous attack on the fundamentals of human rights than by forcing an individual to fight for a country to which he objected belonging.

He recalled that he had already once opposed conscription before the war when the proposal to include Ulster was made. Onlookers in the Dail included Sir John Maffey, the United Kingdom representative to Eire.

Conferences

LONDON, May 26 (UP).—Sir Basil Brooke, Ulster Minister of Commerce, who had planned to leave for Ulster this evening has postponed his trip until to-morrow presumably in order to discuss the De Valera statement with members of the British Cabinet.

Mr J. M. Andrews, Prime Minister of Northern Ireland and other members of the Ulster delegation which conferred here regarding conscription left for Ulster last Sunday.

LATEST

LIFE IN TOBRUK

Beer Store Hit By A Bomb

CAIRO, May 26 (Reuter).—An interesting picture of life in Tobruk is given by one who recently returned from that besieged fortress.

He says that despite frequent bombings there are many habitable buildings there. Only troops and no civilians are to be seen. There is plenty of food and beer and the troops enjoy swimming.

The most dangerous spots are at the edge of the perimeter and in Tobruk itself where the Germans come bombing and machine-gunning at lunch times and in the evenings. Vehicles and planes are widely scattered to avoid bombing but they are little molested.

"There was a tragic moment when a beer store was hit by a bomb but not much damage was done and there were scores of willing volunteers for salvage work."

China Week Campaign

Wu Teh-chen's Thanks

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
CHUNGKING, May 26 (UP).—The Secretary-General of the Kuomintang, General Wu Teh-chen, in a radio speech to America at 9.30 p.m. to-night, expressed thanks for America's China Week campaign, saying: "I need not tell you how much we Chinese appreciate the encouragement and sympathy which the American people, under the brilliant leadership of President Roosevelt, have given us from the very start of our struggle."

"Indeed, every bit of moral encouragement you have given us has strengthened our will to victory; every cent the American people have contributed toward our cause has served to bring that victory one step nearer."

"The United States on many historical occasions has been called upon to defend the cause of liberty, justice and freedom. To-day, it is only natural that we should look towards America when that very cause is once again threatened."

Posthumous Promotion

TOKYO, May 26 (Domei).—Colonel Masaru Ueda, who was killed in action in the Shanai-Honan frontier campaign on May 13, and Colonel Mikichi Kohno who died in a field hospital at Tsingtao on May 10, have been posthumously promoted Major-Generals, it was announced by the War Office to-day.

France Repudiates Democracy: Laval's Nauseating Speech: To Work with Hitler

LONDON, May 26 (Reuter).—Making his first speech to-day since his dismissal by Marshal Petain last December, M. Laval, in a broadcast said: "We owe our failure to democracy. We do not want to fight for it. France cannot go back."

"She must fulfil two tasks with the Great Powers of Europe, secure peace first and then overcome unemployment and poverty."

"Those are assurances which my personal experience can give America. Is America trying to paralyse us on the way to national resurrection?"

"We need some of your riches as you need some of ours, but remember that France can only fulfil this exchange between the New World and the New Europe if she can collaborate totally with Germany. I know that that may astonish you, but it is indispensable to France."

The German radio quoted M. Laval as saying that since the United States did not help France during the war she was partially to be blamed for the collapse of France.

Another Warning

M. Laval now pictured the United States as entertaining plans against the unity of the French Empire. He warned the United States against sharing the same fate as France by blindly going into the war.

The German radio credits M. Laval with the statement that not for a single moment and not by any gesture had the Germans taken up an attitude that might have wounded French pride.

For France, it was simply a case of accepting the hand of the Fuehrer in a unique gesture or suffering the fate of being divided up."

Hitler's Hand

M. Laval, who was speaking on the Paris Radio, added: "The United States have been willing for France to be annihilated or torn to pieces by enjoining her to refuse the hand that Chancellor Hitler held out to her in a gesture that is without precedent in history."

"This war—perhaps on the other side of the ocean you do not fully realise it—is not a war like other wars. It is a revolution out of which we will rise rejuvenated, re-organised and prosperous."

Trade Follows Nippon Army

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, May 26 (Domei).—Japanese department stores will be opened in Bangkok, capital of Thailand, and Hanoi or Saigon in French Indo-China, according to a plan discussed at the annual meeting of the Japan Department Stores Association held in Tokyo to-day.

In addition to department stores, the Association also discussed plans for opening "wholesale stores" in Thailand and French Indo-China for the benefit of both native and Japanese retailers in those countries. The Mitsukoshi, the Shirokiya and other big department stores will send their representatives to Thailand and French Indo-China as well as other South Sea countries to inquire into the possibilities of opening new markets for Japanese goods.

Mr Roosevelt Revising His Momentous Speech

WASHINGTON, May 26 (Reuter).—In the light of rapidly-changing conditions abroad, President Roosevelt is revising the speech which he will deliver to-morrow, said the President's Private Secretary, Mr Stephen Early, at White House to-day.

When President Roosevelt's address was originally scheduled a fortnight ago, Mr Early warned reporters not to build it up as extremely important. To-day, however, he said: "I can tell you that the President will be engaged through the day into the night and most of to-morrow, in revising his speech in the light of the rapidly-changing conditions abroad. Don't ask me to go into details because I cannot. You will get them when you get the speech."

Mr Early added that he would not be surprised if reporters were querying him about other Berlin tidbits before Mr Roosevelt talks.

Johnson Denies Chungking Split

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

HONOLULU, May 26 (UP).—The ex-Ambassador to China, Mr Nelson Johnson, who is en route to Washington prior to assuming his new duties as Minister to Australia is scheduled to leave by Clipper at 2.30 p.m.

He declared that he has absolute faith in China, and he branded reports in American magazines of a civil war between the Eighth Route Army and Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's forces as pure falsehoods.

He highly praised the Chinese Government for its remarkable endurance through four years of war and—expressed his optimism—that China will eventually win.

He declared that the Russo-Japanese pact would not affect Russian aid to China, at least visibly. The Chinese have great faith in President Roosevelt as a leader of the democracies.

Mr Johnson will confer with Lieutenant-General Walter C. Short, commander of the Hawaiian Department, this morning.

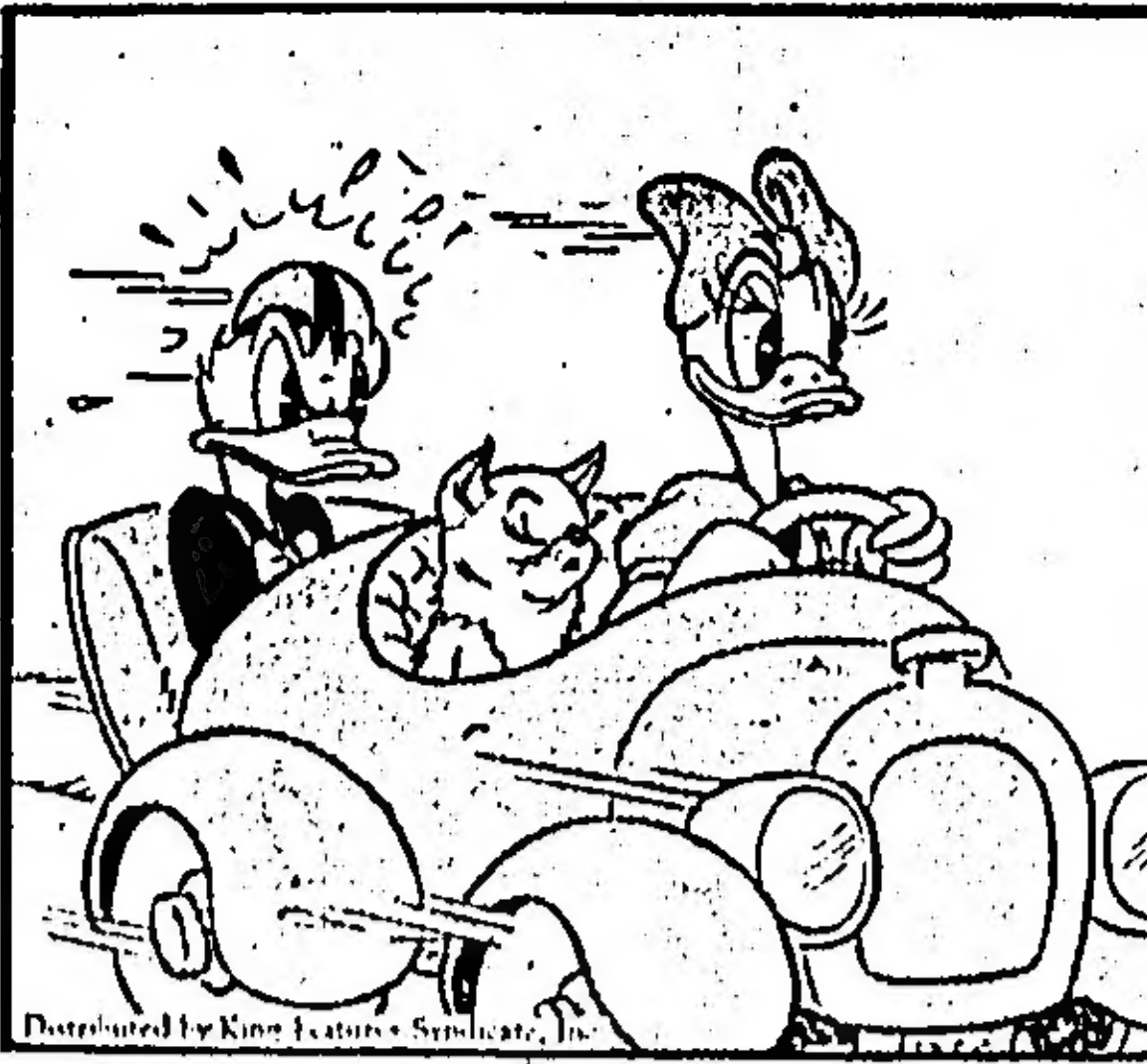
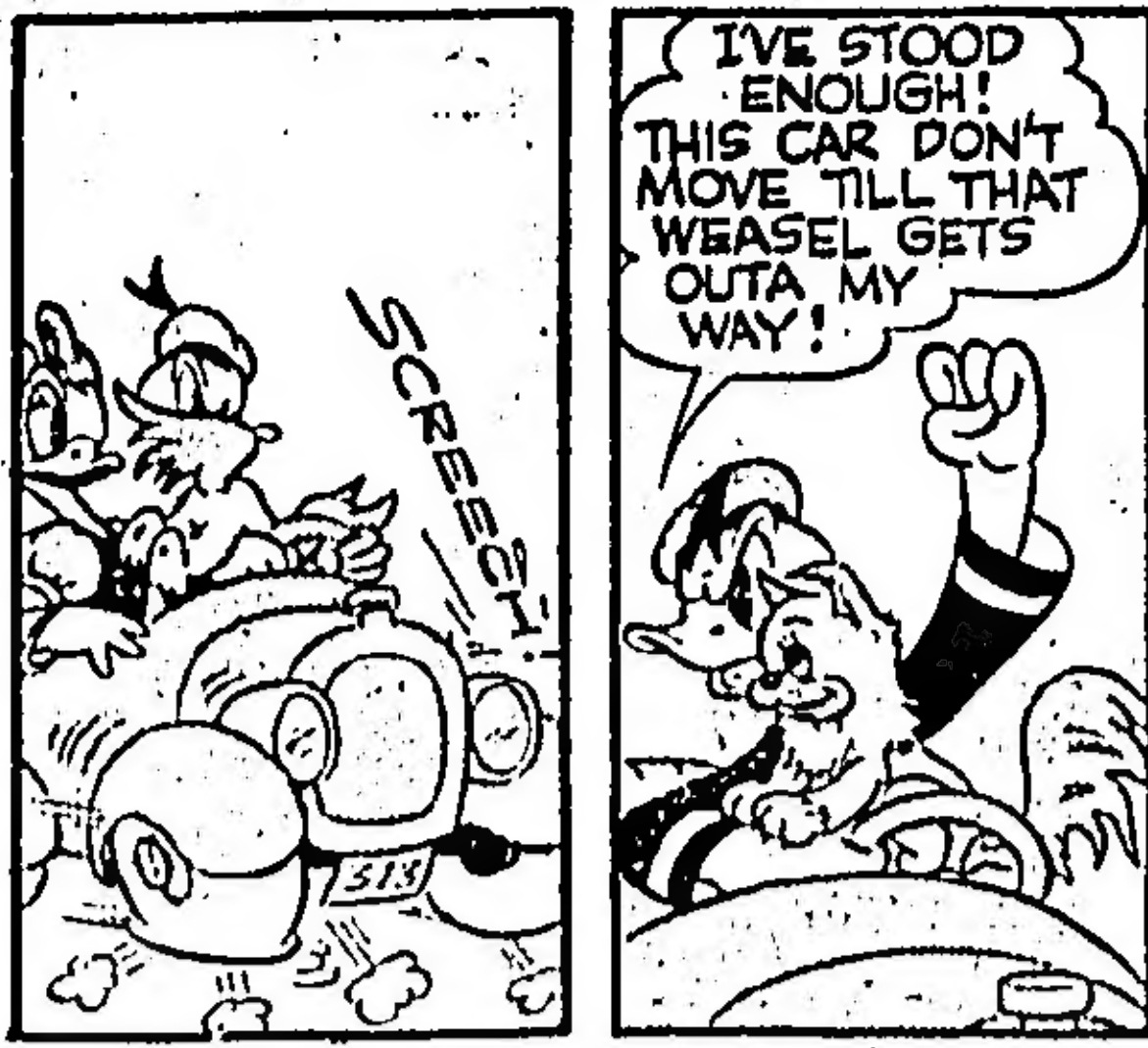
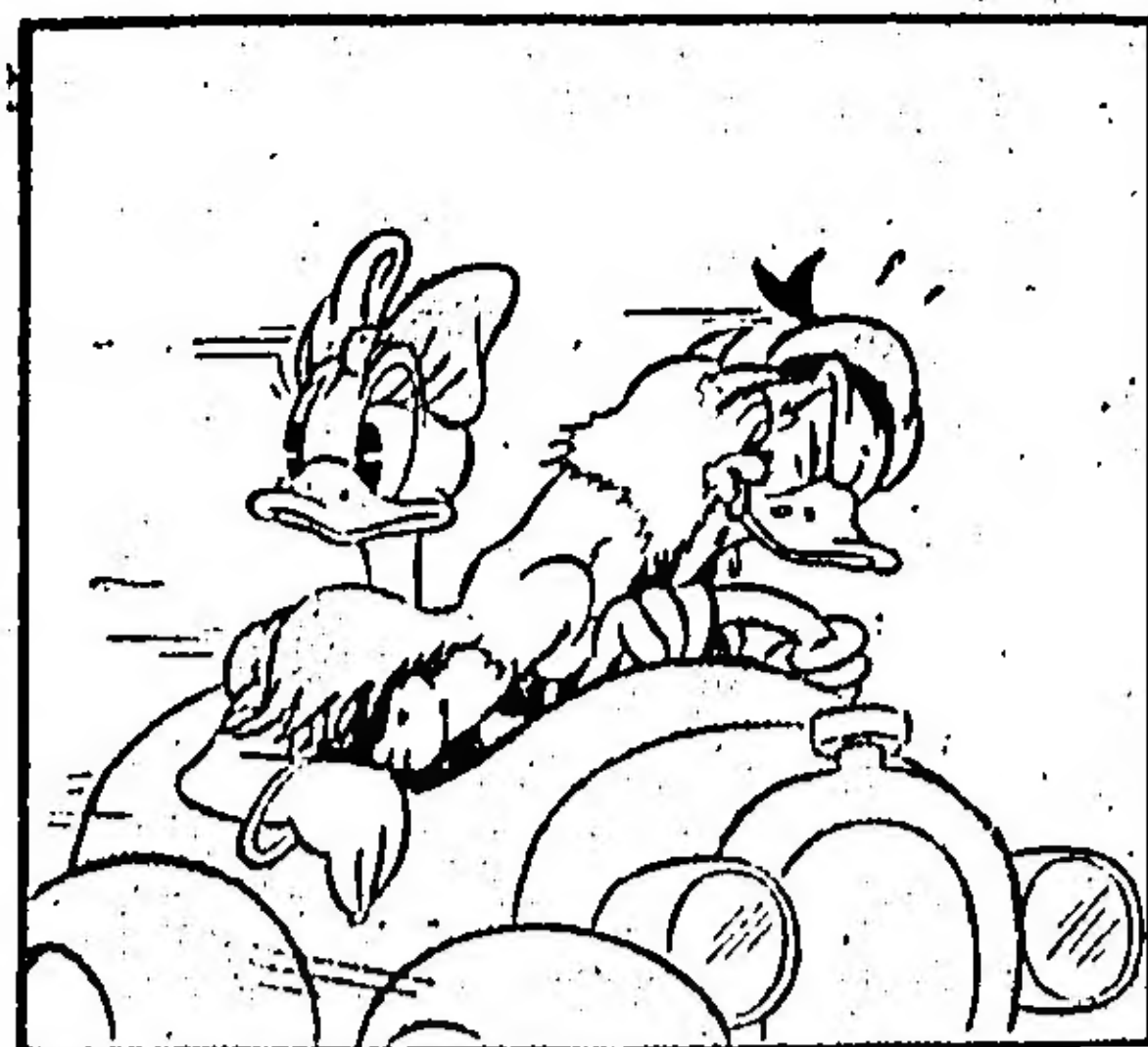
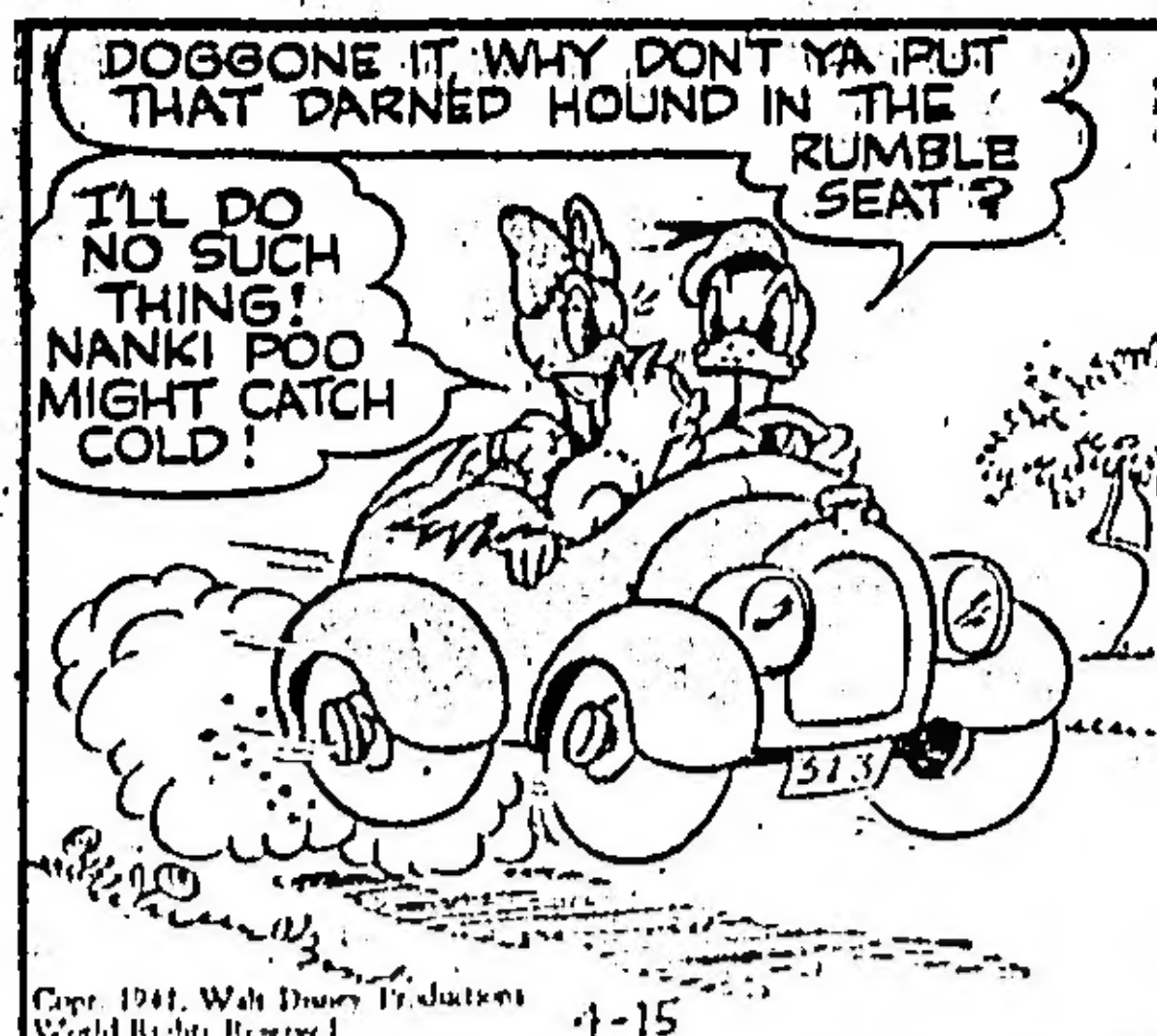
Politics In Kenya Killing

NAIROBI, May 26 (Reuter).—The trial of Sir Delves Broughton on a charge of murdering Lord Errol opened to-day before the Chief Justice of Kenya.

Lord Errol was found shot dead in a car outside Nairobi on January 24. Towards the end of to-day's trial, a Police witness said that he had found Fascist literature in Lord Errol's house and a card dated 1934, showing membership of the British Fascist Union.

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World's Largest Diamond is Cut

By **PIERRE VILLERE**
 United Press Staff Correspondent

On May 1, the first piece of the Presidente Vargas diamond fell onto the cutting table in the iron-barred office of Harry Winston on Fifth Avenue, New York.

The Vargas, weighing 726.60 carats, is the largest in the world, and the third largest ever found. When it has been cut up, the 23 resultant diamonds will weigh from five to fifty carats each, and will have an aggregate value of \$2,000,000.

At noon on April 9 a phosphor-bronze wheel, its edge charged with diamond dust, began cutting the huge stone. The first piece, the size of a small bon-bon, required 21 days in the cutting.

That initial operation marked the climax of a series of events—the discovery, pursuit, and final purchase of the Vargas—which provides one of the most fabulous and dramatic episodes in the history of a fabulous and dramatic industry.

On the afternoon of August 13, 1938, two brothers, Joaquim and Manoel Evancio, farmers, discovered a dull looking piece of rock in the bed of the Rio San Antonio in Brazil. At first they tossed it back, but Manoel insisted upon a second look. For a moment he saw the rays-of-the-sun-pierce the dull exterior, and he knew he was holding a diamond in his hand.

Real Gem

He took it to a broker in Rio de Janeiro, who, quickly satisfied it was really a diamond, paid the brothers a good-sized fortune for it. He named it the Presidente Vargas, after Brazil's chief executive.

Within a few hours, the wheels of the glamorous industry went into furious action. Dealers from Antwerp, Amsterdam, London, Johannesburg, and New York began converging upon Rio. One of them was Harry Winston. His jump from New York to Rio was only the first move of a race that took him four months and involved more than 20,000 miles of travel.

For in the meantime, the broker had sold the diamond to one Oswaldo Dautez dos Reis for \$400,000 and from him it had passed to the Hollandsche Unie bank of Rio. By the time Winston reached Rio the stone had already been shipped to Amsterdam. After a great deal of negotiations, which included a quick trip back to London and involved the buying up of many options, he won possession of the stone.

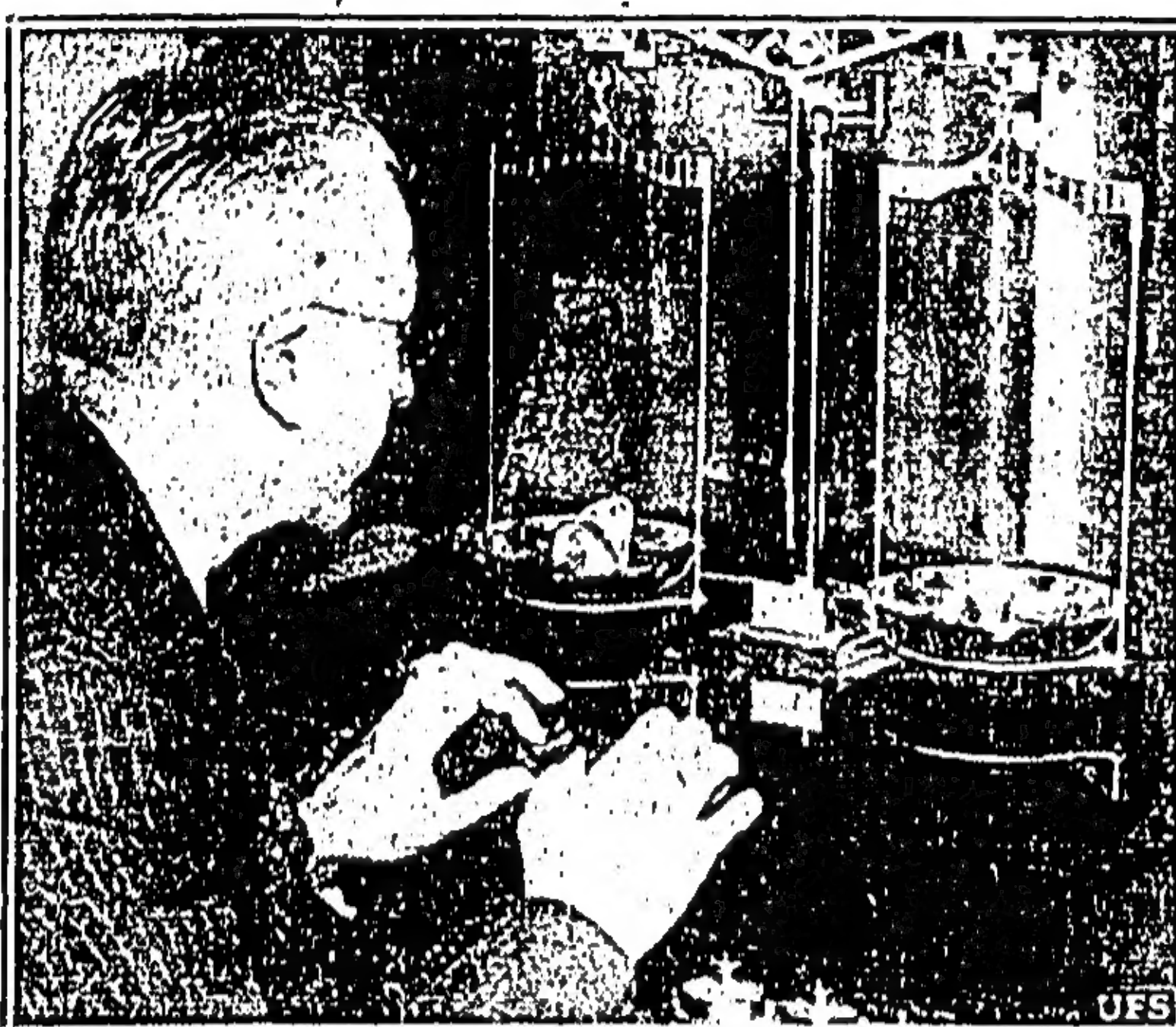
Insured For Million

He insured the stone for a million dollars, and shipped it to the United States, taking no elaborate precautions. It was sent by ordinary registered postage costing exactly 70 cents.

For months the diamond was studied behind the iron gates of the Winston offices. A plaster impression of the original stone was made, and hundreds of glass "dummies" cast from it. After much experimentation into the "planes of cleavage," it was decided that the Vargas could be cut into 23 good stones ranging in size from five to fifty carats, the majority being from 10 to 30 carats.

Cutting Procedure

Most of the world's great diamonds, including the "Jonker," a



CUTTING BIG STONE—The Vargas diamond, largest existing, is weighed in New York preparatory to cutting it into 23 pieces. The gem was discovered in 1938 in Brazil and was named for President Getulio Vargas. It weighs 726.60 carats. About 50 percent vanishes into dust in the cutting.

fraction of a carat smaller than the Vargas and also owned by Winston, first have to be cleaved. This means that after a tiny groove has been made along the grain, a steel rule, placed in the groove, is tapped once with a wooden mallet. The stone either splits exactly in two, or shatters into ruinous chips.

After studying the Vargas, Winston decided to reverse the procedure. The first piece is being sawed off and only then will the stone be cleaved. Adrian Grassie, the gen-

tleman who will do the cleaving, has existed on black coffee and cigars for four weeks. One minute miscalculation could cost his employer hundreds of thousands of dollars.

The entire operations, including cutting, cleaving, girdling, blocking, faceting, and polishing, will require at least 15 months. In the course of that time, nearly half of the stone will vanish into dust, a sacrifice to the brilliancy and beauty of the finished pieces.

BILLY BROWN

BY WILLIAM DOWNS

United Press Staff Correspondent

BILLY BROWN of London Town is the city's wisest and most prudent person. To-day and every day you can read of this British John Q. Citizen on any subway or bus.

This perfect Londoner is a little man always dressed in a bowler, dark striped trousers, stiff collar, black business coat and armed with an umbrella. Millions of London workers know him as well or better than they know their next door neighbour.

They know that he always carries his gasmask, that he stands patiently in queues, that he is extremely careful in the black-out, that he always carries something white so he can be seen by motorists in the darkness and that he lets his employees go home from work so they won't jam black-out traffic.

BROWN'S FAME is due to the combined efforts of a poet named Richard Osborne, a cartoonist, David Langdon, and the London Passenger Transport Board. Osborne and Langdon created the mythical Billy Brown as the central character of a series of goodwill advertisements designed to aid bus and subway passengers travelling about war-time London. Here's an example:

When Billy Brown goes out at night
 He wears or carries something white.
 When Mrs Brown is in the black-out
 She likes to wear her old white mack out.
 And Sally Brown straps round her shoulder
 A natty plain white gas-mask holder.
 The Browns want people near and far
 To know exactly where they are.

LANGDON DEPICTED THE ENTIRE BROWN FAMILY walking joyfully through the black-out with all their white on. Government officials have com-

mented on the London Transport campaigns' lighthearted public safety value.

To those used to push, shove and off-balance methods of boarding buses, street cars and subways, it seems queuing is a favourite downtown sport among Londoners. Get five of them together on any street and they appear automatically to form a line. Here's how Osborne and Langdon attacked the situation:

Billy's standing in a queue
 As we all must sometimes do.
 Queuing in these days of rush
 Means you don't have any crush.
 And the Seconds saved will lend
 Extra minutes to journey's end.
 But, says Billy, see you choose.
 The proper one of several queues.

BROWN'S INFINITE WISDOM of black-out life also produced the following ode to night-time traffic.

Down below the station's bright
 But here outside it's black as night.

Billy Brown will wait a bit
 And let his eyes grow used to it.
 Then he'll scan the road and see
 Before he crosses, if it's free;
 Remembering when lights are dim
 That cars he sees may not see him.

The London Transport also posted this versified chronicle of Citizen Brown.

Billy Brown's own Highway code
 For Black-outs is 'Stay off the Road.'
 He'll never step out and begin
 To meet a bus that's pulling in.
 He doesn't wave his torch at night
 But 'flaps' his bus with something white.
 He never jostles in a queue,
 But waits and takes his turn. Do you?

AND finally here is Brown on kindness to employees:

The office says that Billy Brown
 Is for the nicest boss in town.
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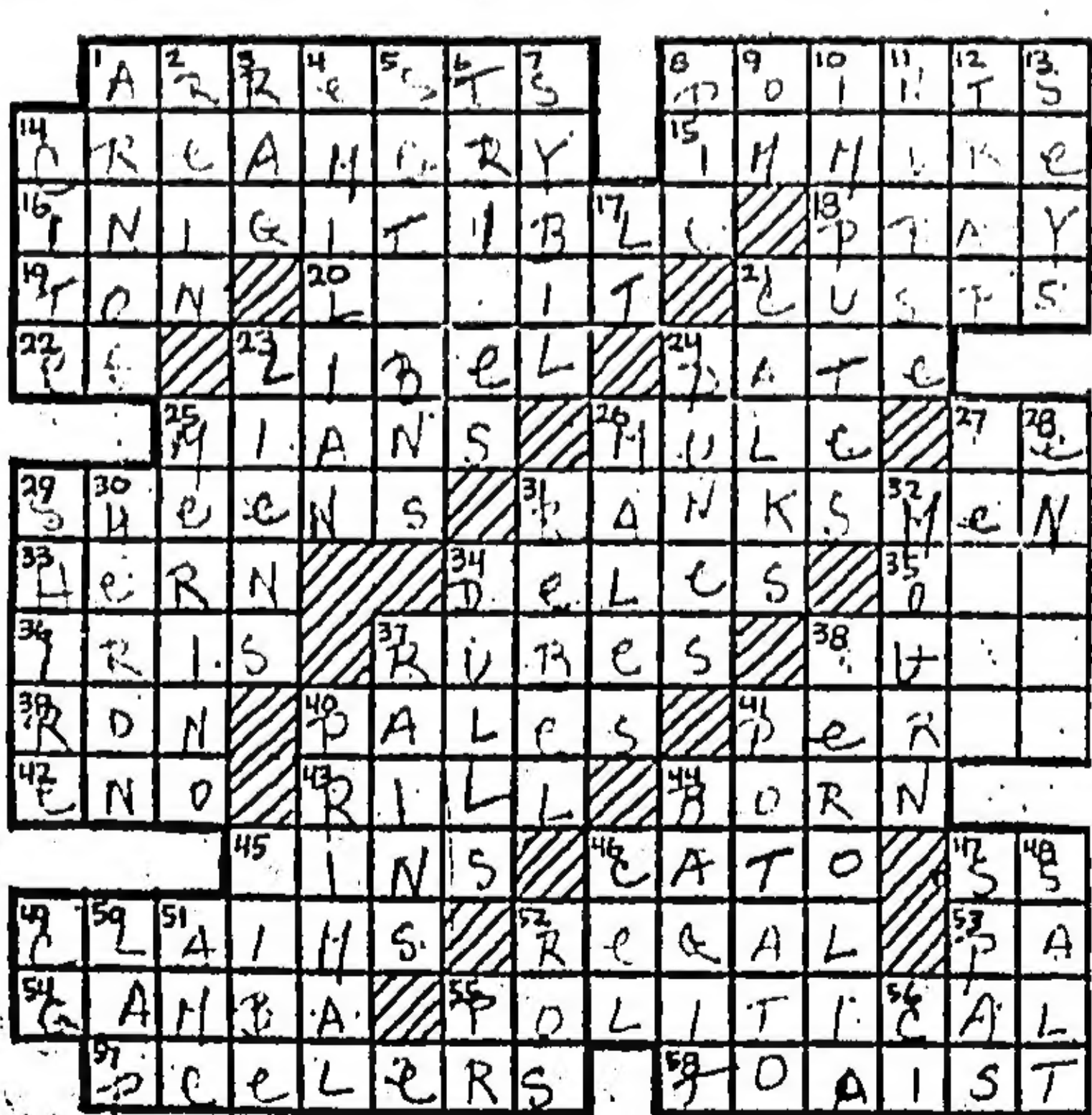
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- 4-Sharp ends
- 14-Store for dairy produce
- 16-Sit up within walls
- 18-Matchless
- 19-Entreat with urgency
- 20-Two thousand pounds
- 21-Kind of bivalve
- 21-Point of crescent moon
- 22-Mural scroll
- 23-Defame
- 24-Appointment
- 25-Places in China
- 26-Offspring of mares and asses
- 27-Point of compass
- 28-Distorting brightness (pl.)
- 31-Soldier in ranks
- 32-Gourmet's drink
- 32-Hera (colloq.)
- 33-Graves
- 34-Scandinavian name
- 35-Part of eye
- 37-Black (col.)
- 38-Classic name for lion
- 39-Unit of length
- 40-Becomes wan
- 41-Terrific failure
- 42-Nickname for Alfonso's queen
- 43-Small stream
- 44-Brought forth into being
- 45-Referring to stannum
- 46-Classic name for clown
- 47-Steamship
- 48-Assertion of rights

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But though these qualities give him a better chance in life, they bring with them dangers that have to be watched. Parents need far greater insight in handling such children. Many highly-strung, sensitive children have grown up to be utter failures—weak, nervous, over-sensitive—because their parents did not fully understand certain health warnings during childhood.

These health warnings may start at any age. The child goes off his food, is fussy at meals; he gets pale, puffy under the eyes; you find he tires easily, becomes listless; he sleeps restlessly. All these are serious signs that something is wrong.

It usually means that the child is using up his nervous energy more quickly than he's replacing it. And it is at night, during sleep, that these stores of nervous energy should be replaced. If they are not replaced, the nervous strain on the child gets worse and worse. He's suffering from Night Starvation.

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THE TIME WILL COME

FIGHTING a war on the defensive for any length of time is a gruelling, nerve-racking task. To accomplish it successfully so that eventually, and at the right moment, the initiative can be adopted, calls for infinite patience, unbounded courage, tenacity of purpose, and sublime confidence in a nation's leaders and fighting personnel. More than once these qualities have proved to be the backbone of Britain when she has been most sorely pressed; they are, in fact, inherent characteristics. And never have been more needed than to-day.

Already some people, irritated by the seemingly never-ending defensive tactics employed by the British military chiefs, are suggesting that the time has come when Britain should start a counter-offensive on the Continent, arguing that if it is delayed much longer Hitler may become too solidly implanted for us to do anything more than force a stalemate. But the argument lacks recognition of certain essentials.

Britain's leaders, both military and political, have insisted from the start of the war that its successful conclusion can only be effected through a complete knock-out blow which envisages a large-scale invasion of the French, Belgian and Dutch occupied countries, and a consequent defeat of the German armies on the field of battle. Clearly, however, this cannot be accomplished without the fullest preparations, and the establishment of certain conditions inimical to the Nazis' defence. First, control of the air is vital. Until, and unless, our invading forces can be given the fullest protection from the air, and the same air force can simultaneously harass the enemy defences with dive-bombing and machine-gunning, invasion of the Continent might well be nothing but suicide. Britain is gaining the upper hand in aerial warfare over Europe, but she still requires thousands of additional planes before she is able to launch the inviolated, and let it be emphasised, inevitable onslaught.

It is true that because of Hitler's successes to date some effects of the British blockade have been nullified, and it is doubtful whether we could actually win the war outright even if the blockade was 100 per cent effective. But it must also be borne in mind that one important effect of winning the Battle of the Atlantic will be to tighten to an extent not yet attained in this war, our blockade of Germany and her occupied territories, and the defeat of the Nazis in the Atlantic may confidently be predicted as a prelude to our counter-offensive by sea, land and air.

Another important point worthy of attention in considering Britain's military situation to-day is that we have displayed, with outstanding achievement, initiative on more than one battlefield. British and Empire forces have wrested Ethiopia from Italy; they destroyed Graziani's army, and are still holding their own against combined Axis forces in North Africa. Initiative has allowed us to retain command in Iraq; has invited Vichy to realise that Syria will not be spared if that country offers aid to the Nazis; and it was initiative that has enabled us to repulse the German invasion of Crete.

WHY WE NEED AN ARMY OF 4,000,000 MEN

By Lieut-General

SIR FREDERICK MAURICE

President of the British Legion

THIS is a war of machines. It will be won in our factories and in the factories of the United States.

Why, then, do we need an army of millions?

The 36's have now been registered, and we are told that more classes are being called up.

Are we starving the factories and the land for the sake of a vast army, which at its greatest strength cannot possibly be half the size of Germany's?

These are statements and questions heard to-day in many quarters, and it is natural that they should be heard.

It is a good many years ago since I wrote that in the next war one of the gravest and most complex problems would be to hold a just balance between the requirements in man-power of the factories and of the Services.

The Government has been reluctant to apply more compulsion than is absolutely necessary.

It has been working more or less on the trial and error method. Mistakes have been made and are being corrected as they arise with more or less success.

On the whole we are doing a great deal better than we did in the last war in the organisation of man-power, which, of course, includes woman-power.

Exaggeration

THERE has been a good deal of exaggeration of the numbers allotted to the Army.

Actually the registrations for service up to date are a little fewer than 3,000,000.

The men of the older classes which have been registered have not yet been called up.

Those who have joined the Services are required to maintain the man-power of the Navy and the R.A.F. as well as the Army.

The Navy needs more men than in the last war, because we are alone now in keeping the sea open. In addition the Navy has to maintain a very large number of minesweepers and small craft to deal with mine-laying and U-boats.

The R.A.F., too, is many times larger than it was at the

corresponding period of the last war.

When the needs of the Navy and Air Force have been met, the Army gets the rest of those not in reserved occupations and, in the case of the older classes, those who have not chosen to go to A.R.P. and fire services.

More System

THE numbers produced by compulsory service in the first 17 months of this war are rather less than the numbers produced by voluntary service in the same period of the last war. But they are much better organised now.

Then, men rushed to the recruiting offices and were accepted with little regard to their qualifications.

Men who should have been trained as leaders, experts, and technicians, men who were wanted in the factories, were killed or injured in the ranks, and those of the latter class who escaped injury had to be combed out of the services and put back into factories when the cry went up for more and more munitions. A very wasteful process.

Now we have a long list of reserved occupations, which keeps the experts and technicians where they are wanted; young men studying science, engineering, medicine, and so forth, are allowed to complete their training so that the supply may be maintained; young men who are likely to be leaders are picked out during their recruit training and sent off to be made into officers.

All this means that there is more system and less waste than there was last time.

Empire Defence

IT is true, however, that the Army gets the bulk of the available man-power. Why? Because the Army has to do a lot of things.

It has to maintain our foreign garrisons. Running from west to east, we have garrisons in Gibraltar, Malta, Cyprus, Aden, India, Burma, Ceylon, Singapore and Hongkong. That takes a good many men.

The Army is responsible for the ground defence of Palestine, Egypt and the Suez Canal, the Sudan, Kenya and Uganda.

For this troops from home have been strongly reinforced from India and the Dominions.

Wavell's Wait

GENERAL WAVELL, who knows that offence is the best defence, attacked at the first moment he was strong enough. With brilliant results.

The effect of a succession of blows delivered quickly is much greater than the effect of the same blows at intervals.

If Wavell had had enough men and material to enable him to do what the Germans did in 1914, when they besieged Longwy, Namur and Maubeuge without letting up in their pursuit of the British and French armies, if he could have besieged Bardia and Tobruk while simultaneously driving Graziani's field army out of Libya, if he could at the same time have invaded Abyssinia and given the Greeks the help they needed to drive the Italians into the sea, then indeed Italy would have been tottering.

Main Task

BUT the Prime Minister has told us that the General Staff took grave risks in sending Wavell the men and material to enable him to do what he has done. More could not be spared.

WHY? BECAUSE THE MAIN TASK OF THE NAVY, ARMY AND R.A.F. IS STILL HOME DEFENCE.

Mr Churchill has again told us that the menace of invasion is to-day as real as ever.

Our position is very much what it was in March 1918, when the Germans went all out to finish us off before American help became effective.

We may be certain that Hitler will try to do the same.

Defence of Britain

THE defence of our shores requires much more munition power than in 1914-1918.

We have our immense coastline to defend.

The length of the South Coast, alone, from Land's End to the North Foreland, is greater than was the whole Western Front.

Every possible landing place in Britain is fortified.

These form our outposts. Behind them are the supports. And behind these again are the reserves ready to pounce if the enemy breaks through.

As lately as June last our Expeditionary Force in France lost the whole of its equipment. The munitions which should have gone to equip and train new formations had to be diverted to re-equipping our front line.

This put the programme back. As the new levies are equipped and trained, they will take over home defence and the first line will be freed to go overseas to take advantage of such opportunities as the Italian blunders of last November offered us.

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES OF THE SAME KIND WILL COME. BUT UNTIL WE HAVE ENOUGH MEN TO SEIZE THEM WITHOUT RISKING DEFENCE AT HOME IT CANNOT BE MAINTAINED THAT WE HAVE TOO MANY MEN IN THE ARMY.

Opposite Numbers

2 The army chiefs

FIELD-MARSHAL GENERAL WILHELM VON KEITEL, chief of the German Army High Command, swarthy handsome, fifty-eight, has sometimes been called the German Napoleon. He has given his whole life to the army and has no outside interests.

Keitel looks the typical Prussian officer, but in fact—like most of the Nazi leaders—is not a Prussian himself.



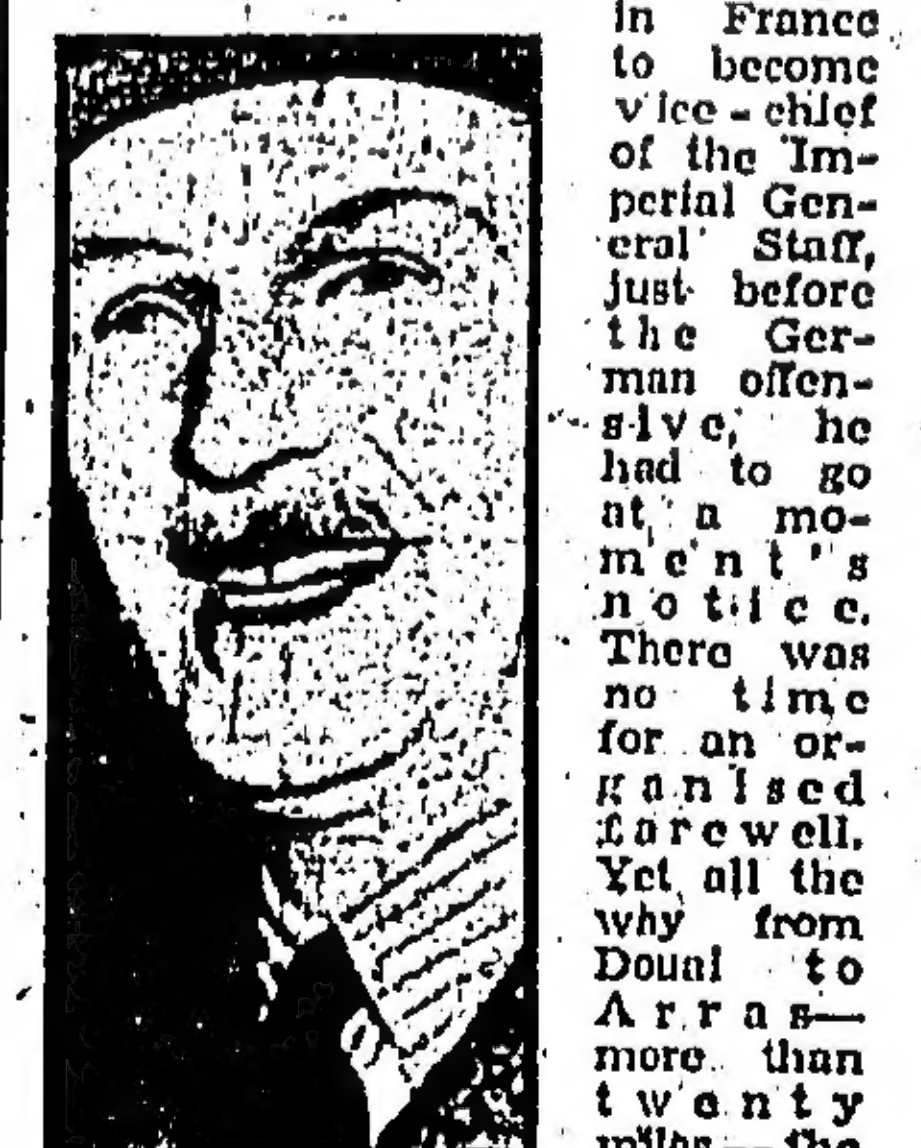
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hatred of Britain at attack against the country on land, sea and in the air, and told Hitler it could only be done with submarine and air bases in the Low Countries as well as France.

Best saying: We are ready, my Fuehrer, to smash Britain.

GENERAL SIR JOHN DILL, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, also fifty-eight, tall, lean-faced, an Irishman, with eyes that twinkle very easily, was paid perhaps the greatest tribute by the British Army ever given to a leader.

When he gave up command of the 1st Corps in France to become vice-chief of the Imperial General Staff, just before the German offensive, he had to go at a moment's notice. There was no time for an organised farewell. Yet all the way from Douai to Arras—more than twenty miles for the road—was lined by men under his command. Quite spontaneously they came to cheer a beloved commander.



Dill

It was Sir John who had to take the decision, after consulting Mr Winston Churchill and General Wavell, to reinforce the Middle East Army when we were far short of equipment at home. It was typical of his bravery as a leader. He has been one since 1918, when he was made brigadier-general. He was then thirty-six.

Best saying: Efficient preparation wins battles.

KEY TO THE EAST

CYPRUS, madam, is the key to Western Asia, and the outer gate of the Suez Canal.

In these words Disraeli in 1878 explained to Queen Victoria why he was anxious, that Great Britain should have a controlling voice in the destinies of the Mediterranean island. He was particularly interested in the subject, because three years previously he had negotiated on his own behalf the purchase of Cyprus on behalf of the British Government of 176,603 shares in the Canal for the sum of £3,976,582.

Yet Disraeli was not quite satisfied. He regarded the Canal as vulnerable to attack from many quarters, particularly from the island of Cyprus only 250 miles distant. So long as this, with the whole coastline of Asia Minor, Syria, Palestine, Egypt, remained under Turkish dominion, Disraeli confessed that he was not happy.

Suddenly in 1878 the Fates seemed to play into Disraeli's hands. Turkey asked if Great Britain would like to keep a watchful eye on the island. Trouble had arisen between Turkey and Russia. The latter was beginning to stretch her legs. She sought an outlet to the Mediterranean via the Bosphorus and the Dardanelles, and had ambitions to establish her authority at Constantinople. Turkey stood in the way. At that time she held sway over the greater part of the Balkans, as well as over large territories in Asia and Africa. She had in fact much more than she could manage, but was unwilling to see any part of her Empire fall into Russian hands.

Only a few years previously Gladstone had declared that the Turk should be expelled from Europe "bag

and baggage." Disraeli and Salisbury disagreed. Better the Turks at Constantinople than the Russians, was their opinion.

Early in 1877 Russia declared war on Turkey, and obtained one success after another, until by the end of the year Constantinople was isolated. Turkey had too many points to guard. In desperation she invited Great Britain to nurse Cyprus while she reorganised her forces. She knew that at the time we had no great love for the Russians. The Crimean War had not been forgotten, and the prospect of Russia extending her frontier to the Mediterranean was an unpleasant picture.

Disraeli jumped at the opportunity. Parliament agreed on somewhat unusual terms. It offered to pay Turkey the annual sum of £5000 for the privilege of acting as nursemaid. This was estimated to be the difference between the income and expenditure of the island.

A few days later a British naval force under Admiral Lord John Mordaunt and a military force under Sir Garret Wolseley took possession of the island. It has been under British control ever since, and is to-day to prove of the utmost value in operations against the Axis Powers.

Peace was signed shortly afterwards between Russia and Turkey at San Stefano, but the Great Powers, particularly Germany, Austria, France, Italy, and Great Britain, did not approve the settlement.

On the instigation of Bismarck, now passed into German hands, a conference was called at Berlin, and an attempt was made to reach a more amicable settlement. It was from this conference that Lord Salisbury claimed that he had brought "Peace with honour."

The other terms are immaterial for the purpose of this article, but at the conference Turkey agreed that the British occupation of Cyprus should continue on the same terms, which the interests of Turkey herself would protect. Cyprus will prove of the utmost value in the conduct of operations when Turkey declared war on the side of Germany. Great Britain form-ally announced that she had officially involved in the war.

Peace Treaty of 1918, British ownership was confirmed, and the island eventually annexed as part of the British Empire.

In the last 20 years much has been done to develop Cyprus as a naval and air base. The harbour at the principal port of Famagusta, facing Syria, has been extended, until it is capable of holding the largest ships. Landing grounds have been constructed at Nicosia, the capital of the island, and a seaplane base established at Limassol, where there is a magnificent large salt water lake.

The island is ideal for development. "All the great central plain is a vast airfield," said Sir Ronald Storrs, in a report a few years ago. "You can put bomb-proof hangars in the mountains which fringe the plain." All this, and much more, has been done, and wisely.

Cyprus is the ideal centre from which to wage an offensive, or on which to rely for defensive purposes. In the war of the Near East. It is less than 100 miles from the shores of Syria and Palestine; within 250 miles of Port Said and the Suez Canal; 300 miles from Crete; and just over 500 miles from Athens. Any of those places can be reached by modern aircraft in about an hour's time. Of equal importance is the distance of the newly-established Italian bases in the Dodecanese Islands, only 250 miles away, and no more than 700 miles from the great oil wells of Rumania, which have passed into German hands.

Disraeli spoke wisely just over 60 years ago. He saw the position which has arisen to-day, but perhaps even he never realised that Cyprus, which he was accepting from Turkey, might eventually become a base from which the interests of Turkey herself might be protected. Cyprus will prove of the utmost value in the conduct of operations when Turkey declared war on the side of Germany. Great Britain form-ally announced that she had officially involved in the war.

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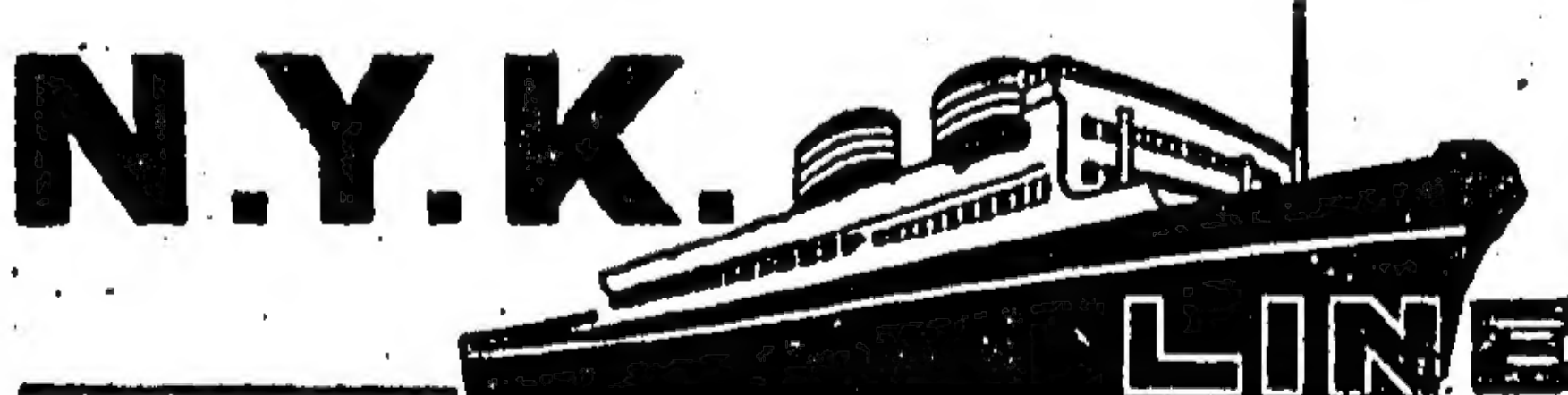
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ITALIAN WAR EFFORT COLLAPSE DESCRIBED

Italy was on the verge of collapse from "Army vs. Party" conflict and military "dry rot" even before she attacked Greece, according to Saville R. Davis, former Rome correspondent of the "Christian Science Monitor."

The army, led by "anti-German" Marshal Pietro Badoglio, chief of the general staff, was "betrayed from the rear" by the pro-German Fascist party, Davis wrote. Bad generalship of Gen. Rodolfo Graziani in Libya was demonstrated, he said, when Italian troops frequently were found in trenches "so deep that they couldn't look out to see the enemy coming."

Davis also wrote that: Badoglio was opposed to the entire war. He tried to persuade Mussolini to delay the Greek expedition. Mussolini demanded immediate action, saying, "I have spent \$7,500,000 bribing the Greeks in key positions. They will not resist."

While Badoglio was waging a war that he had opposed, the pro-German Fascists led by Roberto Farinacci, saw a chance to smash the "old guard" leaders. Farinacci first waged a quiet campaign accusing Badoglio of being a traitor who wouldn't fight on Germany's side.

"When the bribery in Greece failed and the army was in a shambles, Farinacci saw his chance to pin the blame on his arch enemy. . . . He prepared an article for his newspaper denouncing the chief of staff for 'incompetence.' When Badoglio read the article he went to Mussolini and said, 'I am resigning.' Mussolini replied that 'you are already out, your resignation was accepted some time ago.'"

Davis told of a soldier he interviewed. The soldier had been in Albania 16 months before the attack on Greece and he was quoted as follows:

Soldier's Story
"That first day (of the Greek campaign) we went up into the Pindus mountains into a world of ice and snow. I shall never forget the appalling cold, as long as I live. The snow was three, four, five feet deep. They sent us into that with summer clothes."

"Next day, we were ambushed by the Greeks. . . . I had a gun. But a piece of the mechanism was lacking. They hadn't any spare parts in stock. The gun wouldn't shoot."

"There were about 500 men in my unit. Only 38 of us survived. We had no food for five days, no assistance while struggling back. At the base, I saw docks loaded mountain high with cases of ammunition, food and supplies. But no one was distributing it. It wasn't that we lacked things. It was just that no one got them out to us."

Davis said he heard many similar versions of the war.

Bewildered Peasants
"The army in Albania was a bewildered mass of peasants. Lacking in those essentials of supply lines, staff work, co-ordination and common sense efficiency," he wrote. "The military had some excuse for the Albanian fiasco. It was a campaign which the high command neither prepared nor wanted. But there was no such excuse in Libya. Here was a clear military defeat."

Davis said Graziani "sent his men like medieval garrisons into towns where they looked themselves up and tried to fortify their positions. The desert areas between the towns were left unguarded. There were no defended lines of communication. . . . One camp was incapable

They Sent The Dean 100 Fakes

The Very Rev. Edgar Rogers, Dean of Bocking, Essex, has the love of old coins in his blood—an ancestor of his was a Master of the Mint in Queen Elizabeth's reign.

Fifteen months ago, the dean went to a meeting of the Duke of Gloucester's Red Cross and St John Fund. "Why not raise money by asking people to give their old coins?" he suggested.

More than a million coins and medals—three tons of them, filling 125 mailbags—have been the answer.

When his appeal was made coins began to roll into the deanery.

Found Gold
A sorting depot was opened in London, and the dean went up to town every few days, took off his coat and sorted hundredweight after hundredweight of dusty coins. He has detected 100 clever forgeries of ancient coins. A parcel of Sunday-school medals, worthless except as scrap, contained a valuable Spanish gold coin. A rare Persian gold coin was concealed in a boxful of Belgian centimes worth only a few pence.

The gems of the collection were to be sold under the hammer at Sotheby's.

Carry Grant To Wed Barbara Hutton

Cary Grant, British-born film actor, looks like being the third husband of Barbara Hutton, the Woolworth heiress.

Their romance has been brewing for about nine months, and they have been seen appearing at Hollywood's night spots together.

Cary Grant's real name is Archibald Leitch. He was born in Bristol and lived there until he was 15. He was formerly married to Virginia Cherrill, the actress.

Barbara Hutton has been married twice before—to Count Haugwitz-Reventlow and Prince Alexis Mdivani.

The heiress who inherited about £10,000,000 from the Woolworth estate married Count Reventlow the day after she had divorced Prince Mdivani in 1935 and renounced her United States citizenship.

HITLER'S TOTAL SOLDIER

Hitler's latest invention is the "Total soldier." He is training thousands of them in the snows of the Bavarian Alps and the Harz and Silesian Mountains.

It is believed that the idea of the "Total soldier" was given to Hitler by General Diell, who was the Nazi commander at Narvik.

This new type can be used as a paratrooper, pioneer or ski-patroller, knows how to handle anti-aircraft guns and heavy artillery, is able to repair engines and can be used as an air gunner.

When the full began last autumn the German High Command decided to use the time to organise an "army of specialists."

Hothouse Training

While Colonel Tschirmer began training troops for colonial warfare in his famous hothouses, General Guderian reorganised the motorised units, which form two-thirds of the German Army at present.

The remaining troops were sent to the mountains for "total training."

They were given some time to get accustomed to the heights. Afterwards they were trained in mountain warfare—ski-ing, pioneer work, etc.

During manoeuvres with this newly organised force, three new inventions were tested.

New Inventions

The first is a tank which can move with considerable speed in the deepest snow.

The second is a small sledge which a soldier can carry on his back. It can be folded and unfolded with one movement of the hands.

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AMERY'S GIFTS

--Many Languages Spoken

Mr L. S. Amery's linguistic powers were put to a new use recently when he broadcast to the Serbo-Croat people in the B.B.C. programme. The number of languages the Secretary for India speaks is commonly believed to be beyond computation.

There was an occasion at an international conference when he had to meet a large number of journalists from many countries. The gathering was informal, and he spoke to each in his own language, to the growing wonderment of those present.

The last to meet him was a Serb. It was supposed that at last we would be beaten. Mr Amery, however, not only spoke to the man in his own language but quoted some of his own folk-lore to him.

One Man To Direct All Railways

A supreme directing chief will be appointed to run all British railways, writes the "Daily Herald's" Political Correspondent.

Although railway spokesmen say that they know nothing about plans for the central control of the four main lines, they are going forward.

I learn that they do not provide for nationalisation or any form of public ownership.

Rented To The State
A new holding company may take over a financial interest of the four independent companies, and the Government may then "hire" the railways for wartime use.

Operational direction will then be put in the hands of a "railway commander-in-chief," responsible to the Government through a newly constituted railway executive.

There is no indication that railway employees are to have representatives on this executive.

Speed Up
Big economies in operation costs and the speed up of transport will be achieved by a far-reaching pooling of railway personnel, routes, rolling stock and equipment.

Rationing of transport, both for goods and passengers, may be introduced. Essential war supplies will be given priority and then coal and food.

In many quarters the view is held that the Government should introduce a comprehensive scheme for a national publicly-owned transport service, linking the railways with long-distance road haulage.



OFF FOR ENGLAND—Major General Henry H. Arnold, U.S. Army Air Corps chief, bids good-bye to Mrs. Arnold as he leaves New York on ocean-hopping clipper for England. He's to serve for four weeks as special observer of war.

BLIND V.C. AIDS CIVILIANS

FIVE war-blinded civilians are learning to conquer despair and to make a fresh start in life under the care of Captain Sir Beachcroft Towse, the blind V.C. Sir Beachcroft, now 76, has opened the greater part of his home, Long Meadow, Goring-on-Thames, as a civilian St Dunstan's.

It will be eventually a training centre for between 15 and 20 people who have been blinded in air-raids.

His present charges are four women and one man.

"In one of the early bombings at Portsmouth, the man completely lost the sight of one eye, and has been left with only a glimmer of sight in the other," said Sir Beachcroft.

"Then he was in a second bombing, and was deafened."

"Despite these disabilities, he is remarkably cheerful and is making an excellent job of sawing wood. 'From my own experiences I have learned that the best possible thing for blind people is to give them something to do.'"

Reunion Soon

There will soon be a reunion at Long Meadow of wife and husband, both blinded in an air raid.

"The wife, who is a mother of two children, is already with us," said Sir Beachcroft, "and her husband, who is still in hospital, will join her as soon as he is convalescent."

Sir Beachcroft, who was blinded in the South African War, has since learned to play golf, to become an expert typist, and to do all kinds of handiwork.

INVASION COMEDY IN FLAT

Crossed 'phone lines, a mystery message, a patriot and the police were involved in an invasion drama in London the other night.

In a Tottenham Court-road flat a 'phone bell tinkled.

"All ready for the invasion?" asked a hoarse voice. "The paratroopers are coming with the stuff. . . . Click."

Somewhere near, a patriotic Briton, also making a 'phone call, heard this on a crossed line. Promptly he warned the police.

Police Called
Squads of strong-arm police swooped on the flat. They bent the "paratroopers" to it by seconds.

The "invaders" carried open umbrellas with beer-cases of it under their arms. They were late-comers to a party, and their 'phone call was just a joke.

HOOVER PROBLEM

Haldeman-Julius publications, advising "Little Blue Books," list "Herbert Hoover, The Man" under "Social Problems."

Minor Alteration To George Medal Design

Though 32 George Crosses and over 350 George Medals have been awarded, it has not yet been found possible to distribute any of them.

No information is forthcoming as to the reason for the delay, but it is understood that a minor alteration in design is being considered before the King gives his full approval. When that is done the Royal Mint will be able immediately to prepare the dies and carry out its task.

The first awards were made six months ago, and since then lists of fresh recipients have appeared at frequent intervals.

It was on Sept. 23 last that the King announced his decision to recognise deeds of civilian gallantry by creating the George Cross, ranking next to the Victoria Cross, and the George Medal for wider distribution.

Mr. Percy Metcalfe, designer of

coins for the Royal Mint, designed the Cross, which is of silver, bearing a central medallion representative of St George and the Dragon.

Mr. George Kruger Gray modelled and adapted the Medal after a book-plate designed by Mr. Stephen Gooden for the Royal Library at Windsor Castle.

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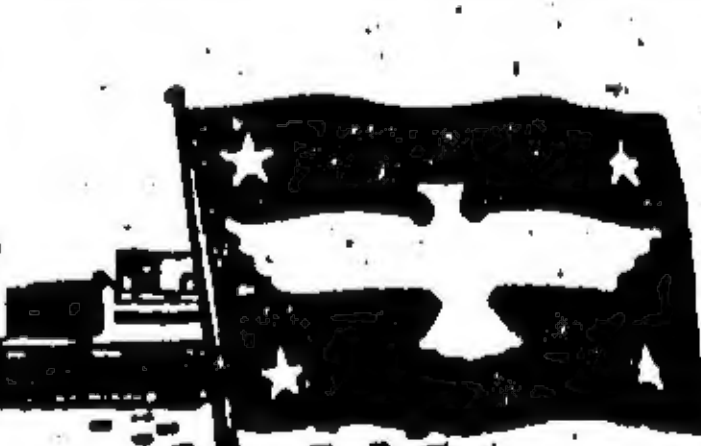
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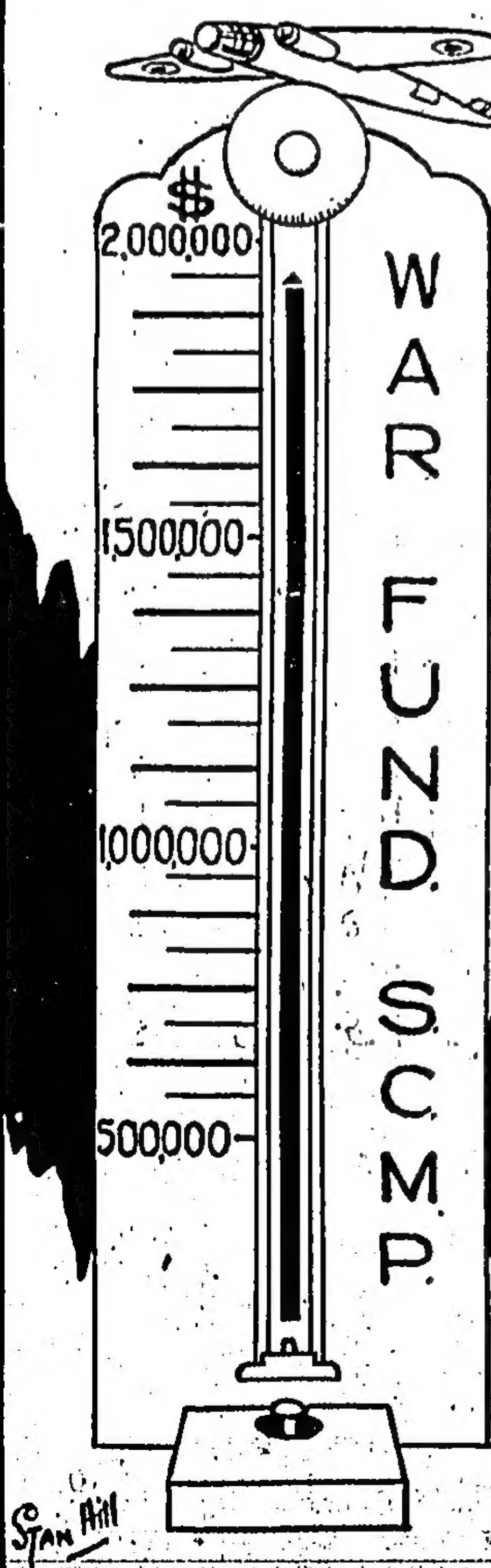
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By Ernie Bushmiller

"Queen's Messengers" Are Food Convoys For Blitz Sufferers

The Queen recently inspected in the courtyard of Buckingham Palace the first two convoys of a fleet of vehicles which will take provisions to bombed areas. Eight vehicles of these "flying squads" which she inspected were her personal gift, and the other ten were given by the British War Relief Society of America.

The Queen acceded to the suggestion of Lord Woolton, Minister of Food, that the convoys should be called "The Queen's Messengers."

"It is a great pleasure to me to inaugurate the mission of good will which this service of food convoys represents," her Majesty said. "They will serve, I trust, as a symbol of that fellowship which unites all of us who share a common danger to-day."

"I am glad to think that they should be called 'The Queen's Messengers' and that they should go forth on their various ways bearing my name."

Instant Relief

"It is my hope that they will have a double value—they will not only provide what is sorely needed, but they will do what is not less vital, they will bring it on the instant and will bridge the gap between destruction and swift reorganisation."

"The convoys which I have seen this morning form part only of a much larger fleet, and many of these have been provided by the generosity of the British War Relief Society of America."

"By coming forward to supplement the scale of the venture as it was first planned our friends in the United States of America have immensely enlarged its usefulness and to those kind people who have made our cause their own I would express a very real gratitude."

"The message which I would entrust to these convoys will not be one of encouragement, for courage is never lacking to the people of this country. It will rather be one of true sympathy and of loving kindness. It is with that message that I wish them Godspeed as they set out on their pilgrimage to-day."

W.V.S. Crews

The Queen afterwards talked to members of the Women's Voluntary Service who formed the crews.

Within a month 18 convoys were put in service.

A convoy includes a water carrier, two kitchen lorries capable of providing 2,000 meals an hour, two food store lorries carrying sufficient tea, bread, sugar, margarine and soup to provide meals for 4,500 people, and three mobile canteens, holding enough to feed 500 people.

The convoys will cost about £80,000.

Britain's Children Learn Country Life

By WILLIAM R. DOWNS

United Press Staff Correspondent

LONDON, May 26 (UP).—"Dead End" kids from the city to-day are learning to milk cows, and ribboned little girls from Bristol, London and Manchester are finding out from whence eggs come.

Mr Harold Ramsbotham, President of the Board of Education, said that the 600,000 school children removed from city danger areas to "barnyard" evacuee schools in the country now have greater practical education facilities than they ever had before.

"I dare say some folk have conjured up pictures of schooling abandoned and children largely left unlearned for and running wild," Ramsbotham said. "I am glad to say, however, that such a picture has no relation to the actual position."

He admitted that the task had been a difficult one, but said his department had handled satisfactorily two great migrations of school children within a year. The first was in September 1939, and the second in September 1940.

Besides the 600,000 children already in evacuee schools, there are another 1,000,000 still in potentially dangerous areas who may have to be removed to the country, he said.

Loss of Facilities

Mr Ramsbotham admitted that education facilities had suffered by the move through loss of facilities for special work in science, handicraft and related subjects.

"On the other hand they have gained all the stimulus of a new environment and new experiences. The introduction of town children to country life has in itself been an education for them," he said.

He praised the courage of the youngsters. "They" certainly are giving the lie to the suggestion that the younger generation is "soft."

Mr Ramsbotham told of a nine-year-old boy who snuffed out a fire with an old pair of trousers and of a boy scout, his arms and legs crushed, lying in the wreckage of his home, directing rescuers to other victims in the debris.

Grin and Bear It

"The children seem to have made their motto 'grin and bear it,' he remarked.

"I believe we shall reap the benefit of a better understanding between town and country as a result of this great movement of child population. Thus we can secure the foundations of a greater social unity."

"Moreover, many children from our cities are showing a great liking for country life and may wish to continue it. I constantly get reports of improved health and alertness due to sound sleep, fresh air, good food, and exercise. It is a good life and I believe we have not failed," Mr Ramsbotham said.

They Plump For Nephew Of Churchill

For years sedate persons whispered solemnly about the "goings on" of young Esmond Romilly, nephew of Winston Churchill.

He first came into the limelight when he made a hasty exit from a fashionable English school after editing a paper called "Out of Bounds," which "exposed" the public school system.

Then he shocked the "nice people" by publishing another magazine which he personally hawked around the streets of London.

The nice people were shocked again in 1936, when Esmond went to Spain to fight Franco, who had many appeaser friends in high London circles then.

Famous Chase

After that young Esmond dared to fall in love with Jessica Freeman Mitford, daughter of Lord Redesdale and sister of Hitler's friend Unity.

There was that famous chase through France and Spain by relatives in an endeavour to stop the marriage.

In 1938 Mr and Mrs Romilly lived in London in a furnished bed-sitting room. Then they emigrated to the United States third class.

A year ago young Esmond was working in a Miami bar. He and Jessica had motored there in a dilapidated car.

The other day, in a huge Malton Air Force training school near Toronto every man was asked to vote on which pupils would make the best officers. They selected three men.

The first was an airman named Esmond Romilly.

War Brings Economic Changes To Europe

By MERRIMAN SMITH

United Press Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, May 26.—Italian housewives return empty tin cans much like other nationals leave empty bottles for the milkman; Japanese shipbuilders have abandoned steel in favour of wood; new auto tyres are disappearing in Europe. These and other commercial and industrial quirks were reported recently by the Commerce Department as evidence of economic changes resulting from the war.

In addition to new developments abroad for sidestepping shortages of essential materials, there have been reports of several inventions of military importance.

German scientists were reported to be experimenting with a silent aeroplane engine which would enable bombers to approach enemy objectives at night without detection. Berlin claims were cited, reporting "a certain amount of success has already been achieved" with the silent motors and that such motors were used in the Polish campaign.

"It is also claimed that several ships in operation in the North Sea have been successfully equipped with them and that the experiments are being made on both gasoline and Diesel engines," the department said.

New Locomotive

German engineers also were reported to have developed a new electric express locomotive capable of hauling eight cars at speeds well over 100 miles per hour.

Britain has urged housewives to use sodium bicarbonate in cooking fruit to conserve sugar supplies.

German production of metallic containers has been sharply curtailed because of military needs. Many commodities now come in glass containers.

A metal shortage in Japan has caused the use of wood instead of iron and steel in building small ships for "near-sea" service. Cost of a wooden Japanese ship was reported as being half the cost of a steel vessel of the same dimensions.

In Italy, according to the Commerce Department, housewives give their grocer empty tin cans for each new one when purchasing canned goods.

Motor Tyres

E. G. Holt, leather and rubber expert for the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, said it was virtually impossible now for a private citizen of European countries to get new automobile tyres. He said reports from abroad told of wholesale stoppage of civilian use of automobiles because of military requirements in rubber and gasoline stocks.

Some new tyres are available in Britain, but motorists are urged to have old tyres retreaded.

The Italian Government has ordered all owners of auto tyres and tubes to report holdings, and has notified the public of the government's right to requisition them for military use at any time. Transfer of privately-owned tyres from one person to another is forbidden.

Ghost Story Stopped During Raid

When George Jenkins, aged seventy-six, gets fastened on to a good ghost story it takes a lot to shake him off.

George, who is very deaf, lived alone in a room behind a Plymouth shop. Every night after black-out curtains had been drawn he would put on his reading spectacles, draw his armchair up to the oil stove, and read thrillers.

Just as he reached a blood-curdling description of a midnight apparition one night recently, a shadow fell across the page. He started, looked up. Before him were three steel-helmeted men in overalls.

"Come out of it, quick," shouted one of the men.

George was puzzled. "Quick," shouted the men in chorus as they grabbed him by the arms and hustled him outside seconds before the colling of his room caved in.

Bewildered

George looked around, bewildered. A building was burning. Everywhere shops and houses were in ruins.

His own shop front had been shattered.

A heavy bomb had crashed about forty yards away.

"I thought I felt something shake my chair," said George. "Just when the fellow in the haunted castle heard the dungeon door bang."

Secret Drug Will Reduce Operations

A new British drug to arrest bleeding, which is now being tried out, is expected to save thousands of lives and eliminate the necessity for many types of operations.

The new drug is manufactured and demonstrated in tablet form. It is the result of long research by a firm of manufacturing chemists.

For some months now it has been tested out secretly at the Royal Samaritan Hospital for Women in Glasgow, and the result of these tests is shortly to be announced to the medical profession.

Successes

Dr John Hewitt, senior surgeon at the hospital, is to embody the result in a paper he is preparing.

Until this paper has been published, the hospital insists on strict secrecy about details of the new method.

It is known, however, that it has proved valuable in many cases.

Necklace Would Not Come Off

Last autumn when Lily Pons arrived in San Francisco for her opera season, she found herself without sufficient jewellery to dress one of her roles.

Finding Paul Flato, the New York jeweller, in town to open a California branch, she appealed to him; and he delivered a \$250,000 necklace on loan for her evening performance.

Arriving back at his hotel at 2 a.m., Mr Flato found a hastily scribbled note in his box, "Lily cannot from your necklace get out."

He tried to contact her but her phone had been cut off. As he had to leave on the dawn plane for Los Angeles, Mr Flato's necklace adorned Miss Pons for the next 10 hours.

Late that evening Andre Kostantantz arrived by air from Hollywood armed with directions from his friend, Mr Flato, on how to unlock the double clasp.



STRIKE BEATING—Besides clubs, knives and bricks used in riot scenes at the Ford River Rouge plant, Dearborn, Mich., in battles between CIO strikers and workers, hard fists were employed. Striker and worker mix it up.

ARMY'S WORK IN LONDON RAIDS

How the Army has helped London since heavy air attacks developed was described recently by Lt-Gen. Sir Bertram Ferguson-Brooke, G.O.C. London District.

On Oct. 11, within a fortnight of Sir Warren Fisher's appointment as Special Commissioner, a force of pioneers and engineers had been put at his disposal, and in November the force was doubled.

Army transport and heavy plant, such as excavators and cranes, were lent. Soldiers worked alongside civilians fighting fires, in rescue and demolition work and in clearing roads.

Delayed action bombs were dealt with by the military, but it was the Regional Commissioner who decided which were the priority jobs. There were R.E. officers attached to each civil group for guidance.

Permanent liaison was established between London District headquarters and the office of the Regional Commissioner, to which three officers were posted.

The Home Guard had men every night at divisional and sub-divisional police stations. Since November the local A.R.P. authority could ask for the help of Home Guards if necessary, or appeal to the local Home Guard commander for still more help.

Foot Guards sent out fire pickets on every raid night. Troops had been at the docks fighting fires. Recently from the Guards depot had worked for a fortnight in South London.

It was an order for every military unit that the civil power might apply for their help.

Sir Bertram said it was their boast that no appeal for aid had been refused. In recovering from the raids London owed a lot to the Army.

But the way London had taken the bombing had been a great help to him and his forces, and it gave assurance that, whatever may come, London's army have nothing to fear in that regard.

Skill Test For Car Drivers

It is not everyone who can dance the rhumba and it's not everyone who can drive an automobile either; Mayor LaGuardia of New York recently told the state vehicle examiners.

He was urging them to be careful whom they certified, and expressed the hope that some day a motorist would be given a period of training, just like an air pilot, before taking to the streets.

DEANNA DURBIN'S WEDDING

Deanna Durbin, radiantly lovely in an ivory duchess satin gown, murmured a scarcely audible "I do" when she became the bride of 25-year-old Vaughn Paul in Hollywood on April 18.

Several thousand fans of the golden-voiced movie songstress milled about outside the swank Wilshire Methodist Episcopal Church, while inside 900 guests witnessed Hollywood's first-big church wedding in nearly four years.

Nineteen-year-old Deanna obviously was nervous as she walked down the aisle on the arm of her father, James Durbin. Paul, young studio executive, replied "I do" in a clear voice to the Rev. Dr. Willie Martin's "Do you take this woman."

Secret Honeycomb

After a reception in Beverly Wilshire Hotel, Mr and Mrs Paul left by automobile for a wedding trip. Their destination was their secret. While she waited for the first notes of Mendelssohn's Wedding March, she cautioned her bridesmaids, "walk slowly—and smile."

Deanna's invitation went only to close friends and to fellow workers—from stars to wardrobe attendants—at her Universal Studio.

Notable Guests

Among name guests were Mr and Mrs Charles Boyer, Edgar Bergen, Eddie Cantor, Marlene Dietrich, Melvyn Douglas, Kay Francis, Margaret Sullivan, Adolph Menjou, Basil Rathbone and Franchot Tone.

Paul's gift to his bride, was a diamond pin. The studio gave them a silver service for 12.

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Baby Born On Edge Of Bomb Crater

A WOMAN was about to have a baby in the maternity ward of a Plymouth hospital during a recent raid when heavy bombs crashed on the building. She was flung from her bed. When the dust and smoke had cleared they saw her lying in the debris on the edge of a bomb crater.

Nurses and doctors, some of them injured, ran to her. Though bombs were still raining down and buildings ablaze, they calmly went on attending to the mother.

Ten minutes later the baby was born—and he and his mother are now doing well.

Mothers, babies and nurses were killed in the ward. A direct hit on the children's ward killed a number of little patients.

Heavy bombs fell outside two women's wards and blew in the walls. No one was injured.

Heroic Nurses

All through the raid nurses and doctors worked heroically dressing and operating on injured patients.

"The nurses were magnificent," said the medical superintendent.

himself a casualty. "Several of them were injured, but they just wouldn't give up."

As policemen carried out the bodies of small children killed outright, men and women who had been on raid duty all night could not keep back their tears.

Lasted Long

Many thousands of incendiaries, followed almost at once by showers of high explosives, were dropped.

The raid lasted several hours. Three churches were destroyed by fire and a second hospital damaged.

A cinema crowded with people was set alight, but the fire on the roof was quickly extinguished.

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King Thanks N. Zealand Premier

CAIRO, May 26 (Reuter).—An expression of thanks and deep appreciation for the services rendered by members of the New Zealand forces and the arrangements made by General Freyberg, the New Zealand C-in-C in Greece for the safe conduct of the King's party from Greece, is conveyed in a personal letter from the King of the Hellenes to Mr Peter Fraser, the New Zealand Prime Minister.

Mr Fraser returned to Cairo last night after a two-day visit to the New Zealand war wounded in Egypt. Mr Fraser spent Saturday night aboard a New Zealand hospital ship and also inspected a New Zealand convalescent depot, speaking to the men on their experiences.

ABYSSINIA Strafing The Enemy

CAIRO, May 26 (Reuter).—Referring to Abyssinia, an R.A.F. communiqué states that aircraft of the South African Air Force attacked enemy defences and motor transport in the neighbourhood of the Omo River.

Direct hits were obtained on bridges and ferries and a number of transport vehicles were destroyed.

Rounding Up Prisoners.
CAIRO, May 26 (Reuter).—The steady round-up of prisoners continues in Southern Abyssinia, where it looks as if the Jimma concentration is in for an unpleasant time. The weather is very bad with heavy rains.

There is still plenty of room for the remaining Italians to manoeuvre but it is doubtful how far they will put up a fight since the original force of 30,000 to 40,000 men a few weeks ago has been steadily melting through desertions and surrenders.

Passionate Plea By Menzies

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crisis of our history when one turn of the wheel might extinguish us for ever." In a reference to the United States, Mr Menzies said, "I believe we won't look to America in vain. The people are ready to follow Mr Roosevelt but for the next six months we must rely on ourselves. Australia must vastly increase her war production and abandon non-essential production and consumption. I passionately beg you to follow the example of Britain."

Bombing of Britain
Speaking of the bombing of Britain, Mr Menzies said that no account he had ever read of bombing before going to England could possibly do justice to the magnificent people of the Mother Country. The war was producing a new order of chivalry whose knights were found in the back streets and lanes of Britain.

"In these people burns the finest flame of courage the world has ever seen. I returned a burning enthusiasm on the subject of what women are doing for Great Britain."

STOCK EXCHANGE Selective Buying

LONDON, May 26 (Reuter).—The Stock Exchange to-day was quiet generally and steady, business being largely confined to selective investment buying of industrial stocks, which were occasionally higher.

Gilt-edged holdings and home rails moved narrowly, while oils were dull apart from some enquiry of Mexican Eagles.

Kaifirs closed steady at slightly lower levels.

Among foreign bonds, Japanese and Egyptian issues eased slightly.

Wall Street was dull.

PROTECTION FOR U.S. SHIPS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
WASHINGTON, May 26 (UP).—The Secretary of the Treasury, Colonel Frank Knox, has asked Congress for legislation granting naval commanders authority to take "what-ever steps they may deem necessary" in United States territorial waters for the "proper protection of naval forces."

The existing law vests such authority only in the Secretary of the Navy and the Chief of Naval Operations.

Morgenthau With U.S. Patrol

WASHINGTON, May 26 (Reuter).—One of President Roosevelt's four-member Cabinet Defence Committee, Mr Henry Morgenthau, Secretary of the Treasury, is now at sea inspecting the United States Navy's Atlantic Patrol as guest of Admiral Ernest King, Commander of the Atlantic Fleet. It was officially revealed to-day.

More Contracts Signed

WASHINGTON, May 26 (UP).—The Maritime Commission to-day announced that contracts have been signed for the construction of 123 new new merchant ships to cost \$12,000,000.



CATHEDRAL RUINS—This is how St. David's Roman Catholic Cathedral looked in Cardiff, Wales, after Hitler's air raiders had passed over city. High altar is wrecked but Blessed Sacrament was saved.

Britain Ready To-day Is Experts' Verdict

The high officers of all the fighting Services who form, with certain civilian and technical authorities, the Expert Committee on Invasion, have decided, after most exhaustive inquiry, that Britain is ready.

This committee had access to all the information available on German preparations to invade the country. It also had the benefit of watching what could be done by an invasion force composed of part of the British Army acting as "invaders" opposed to another British force acting as defenders.

In this large-scale operation, which took place recently, every known theory of invasion strategy was tried out.

Every known theory of defensive tactics was put into operation against it.

The programme of these operations was most carefully prepared on a progressive scale over a period of months.

As soon as it was drawn up, the whole of the land, sea and air forces in or around Britain started on it. It meant scrapping all their previous training and beginning all over again.

Re-Training
The re-training began last October with the man himself. He was trained as an individual to do everything that could fall to the lot of the soldier until he could do it perfectly.

From section and platoon work in cutting roads, occupying strategic points and making use of natural cover, the training proceeded to companies, battalions, brigades, corps and armies, together with all their motorised and mechanised columns.

That is why the Army could not spare men for all the many jobs connected with air raids, transport of food for civilians, and farm work.

It is because this training has now been completed to the satisfaction of the Expert Committee on Invasion that the committee was recently able to report to Mr Churchill, "We are ready."

Blind Pianists Brings Suit

Parents Named

Alec Templeton, 31-year-old blind pianist and mimic, has petitioned in a Chicago court for an accounting of \$200,000 of his earnings, naming his parents and an attorney, and asking that they be restrained from exercising power of attorney in his affairs.

He alleged that his parents, Andrew Bryson and Mrs Sarah May Templeton, and their attorney, Emanuel E. Larson, managed his business affairs because of his blindness, allotting him only \$100 monthly for expenses since 1930, although he had made an estimated \$200,000 since.

He said he had signed some papers which were read to him and a number which he was advised it was not necessary for him to hear.

He said his earnings began with Jack Hyton's band in England in 1931 when he was 21. He went to the United States with the band in 1935.

Planes Over Britain

LONDON, May 26 (Reuter).—There was some slight activity by enemy aircraft to-day in the coastal areas, states the Air Ministry.

Bombs dropped on a town on the east coast this afternoon caused some damage and a small number of casualties.

Attack On Malta

CAIRO, May 26 (Reuter).—Enemy planes made a machine-gun attack on Ta' Kail aerodrome, Malta, yesterday, several enemy planes being damaged.

SYDNEY, May 26 (Reuter).—The first contingent of Italian prisoners of war arrived in Sydney to-day and were sent to a camp in the country.

Colony Junior Chess Championship

THOUGH Un Kwai-yung holds the lead in the Colony Junior Chess Championship, he has played 12 games, having won eight, but A. Y. Birlukoff, only one point behind, is in a more favourable position having played only nine games, of which only one has been lost and one drawn.

Last week's results were:
R. C. Danenberg beat V. V. Kolatshoff, Un Kwai-yung beat W. Lee and J. Grefalda beat J. H. d'Almeida.

The table to date is as follows:

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Un Kwai-yung	12	8	1	3	8 1/2
A. Y. Birlukoff	9	7	1	1	7 1/2
A. Grefalda	12	7	3	3	7 1/2
R. C. Danenberg	10	5	3	2	7
J. Grefalda	11	5	3	3	6 1/2
To Yu-lau	7	4	1	0	5
J. Tausz	10	4	3	3	4 1/2
V. V. Kolatshoff	10	4	3	3	4 1/2
E. M. Petrov	9	3	1	0	3 1/2
Wm. Lee	11	3	1	0	3 1/2
R. C. Gardner	7	1	4	2	2 1/2
A. Morion	0	1	1	4	1 1/2
J. H. d'Almeida	11	1	0	10	1

Formosa-P.I. Swimming Meet Cancelled

TAIPEI, May 16 (Dome).—The annual Philippines-Formosa swimming meet which was scheduled to be held in Formosa this year was formally called off yesterday by the Formosa Athletic Association because no definite answer was received to the invitation which was extended to the Philippines on December 28, 1940.

The Association announced that preparations had been going on despite Philippine silence but with no answer at the proximity of the opening a cancellation was necessary.

The meet had been held six times in the past.

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Shortage In H.G. Battle Dress

An acute shortage of "battle dress," Home Guard, for the use of O.S.'s is giving the War Office one of its biggest headaches.

The authorities are having to take special measures to equip outside Home Guards with outside uniforms. They have found that normal battle-dress fits only the streamlined youth of the Army.

Home Guards with "middle age spreads" can now have uniforms "let out" to measure.

Gracie Fields Does Her Bit

Gracie Fields has raised £330,000 for British war charities during her tour of Canada and the United States, according to a cable to the Sunday Dispatch from Montreal.

Of the total amount, £200,000 was raised in Canada, the remainder in the United States.

Bombs Brought Art Treasure To Light

The bombing of Coventry Cathedral has revealed an art treasure which had been hidden for more than four hundred years.

It is a mural painting of the Madonna holding the Child Christ, with David in the background. The Provost of Coventry (the Rev. R. Howard) thinks the painting was wallied during alterations in 1500.

Now it is to be moved to safety.

Entire Output For Britain

An order to deliver its entire output of magnesium to Britain was given to the Dow Chemical Company recently by Mr Edward Stettinius, head of the United States War Resources Board.

This was one of the steps taken to put the Lend-Lease machinery into effect.

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LETTERS

Volunteer Naval Reserve

The Editor,
Hongkong Telegraph.

Sir,—In these days of stress, when
money is so badly needed to buy
planes, ships, tanks and munitions to
turn the tide of war in our favour,
why is it that we should support an
expensive and—some say—unneces-
sary luxury in Hongkong.

I refer to the Hongkong Volunteer
Naval Reserve—popularly referred to
as the "Wavy Navy."

The Hongkong Volunteer Defence
Corps, with the exception of a small
annual camp pay, does not pay the
Volunteers anything for their volun-
teer duties, which are undertaken in
addition to ordinary civilian work,
but for some reason not explicable,
a considerable financial burden is
placed on the Colony's finances to
defray the cost of the aforesaid
"Wavy Navy," and it is a moot point
whether the duties of this Naval
Volunteer force are any more arduous
or dangerous than those of the
Volunteer Corps.

Certainly it would seem that the
rates of pay enjoyed by the "Wavy
Navy" are infinitely higher, and
more easily earned than that of the
Royal Navy personnel.

The considerable sum of money
saved by placing the "Wavy Navy"
on a similar footing in regard to
pay, as that of their Volunteer
brethren would enable the Colony to
increase the financial War Effort of
this Colony very materially.

Perhaps something might be done
about it?

D.E.L.

ABYSSINIA

Strafing The Enemy

CAIRO, May 26 (Reuter).—

Referring to Abyssinia, an
R.A.F. communiqué states that
aircraft of the South African
Air Force attacked enemy de-
fences and motor transport in
the neighbourhood of the Omo
River.

Direct hits were obtained on
bridges and ferries and a number
of transport vehicles were
destroyed.

Rounding Up Prisoners

CAIRO, May 26 (Reuter).—The
steady round-up of prisoners con-
tinues in Southern Abyssinia, where
it looks as if the Jimma concentra-
tion is in for an unpleasant time.

The weather is very bad with
heavy rains.

There is still plenty of room for
the remaining Italians to manoeuvre
but it is doubtful how far they will
put up a fight since the original force
of 30,000 to 40,000 men a few weeks
ago has been steadily melting through
desertions and surrenders.

More Contracts Signed

WASHINGTON, May 26 (UP).—
The Maritime Commission to-day
announced that contracts have been
signed for the construction of 123
more new merchant ships to cost
\$312,000,000.

DONATIONS

Bellows Fellowship Send War Fund Donation

A total of \$1,078,104.00 was reached
yesterday by the War Fund inaugurated
by the S. C. M. Post, Ltd., with the
following donations:

Mr. H. D. Bryan, H. D. M. Consul,
Macao (in lieu of memento)
Mr. S. C. M. Post, Ltd. \$ 11
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"Porter" A.R.P. Dance \$ 20
Miss Catherine (yellow, clown
puppy, per Mrs. Hoag) \$ 20
Sgt. Taylor (dog found, per Mrs.
Hoag) \$ 4
Fellowship of the Bellows (first
donation) \$ 5,000
District \$ 21
A.R.P. Pay, 17,441 \$ 21
The following donations amounting
to \$1,078,104.00 were received through the Hong-
kong War Effort Committee and are in-
cluded in the above grand total:

Southall Dance (collected) \$ 41.43
T.H. Cunan \$ 35.89
Miss Catherine (yellow, clown
puppy, per Mrs. Hoag) \$ 20
A.P. Officer's Camp Pay (H.K.) \$ 23.41
Kowloon A.R.P. Officers Pay \$ 103
Captain Officers and 1st Saloon \$ 150
"Passengers" "Tai Sang" \$ 17
Sports Club (small bomb) \$ 22
District Football Club (bomb) \$ 17
Peninsula Hotel (small bomb) \$ 180.49
Kowloon Hotel (small bomb) \$ 180.49
Gloucester Hotel (bomb) \$ 24.73
Wong's International Club
(shrapnel bomb) \$ 6.67
Sundry Collections \$ 95.69

The British War Organisation Fund

Hongkong Branch acknowledges the
following donations:

Previously acknowledged \$100 and
\$202,450.00: Anonymous \$10; Q.A.I.M.N.S.
Mess (monthly), \$15; Mr. Lam Fook-ye
(monthly), \$25; John Forbes (monthly),
\$25; M. S. Caranovich (monthly), \$10;
Mrs. M. D. Drake (monthly), \$10; Messrs
Davies, Brooks and Grant (monthly), \$70;
P. W. Hume (monthly), \$10;
Mrs. T. A. Broadfoot (monthly), \$5; D. C.
Edmondson (monthly), \$25; The Hong-
kong Members of the Macao Police
Force \$24; Mr. and Mrs. S. Mason, \$25;
Mrs. R. A. Buckenrough, \$20.25; Liang
Yan-Ming proceeds from exhibition at
Cathedral Hall \$50; In Memory of the late
Mr. J. D. Bickelstaff—Hazel and Len
\$25; Mr. B. Ball and Joe Hudson \$5;
Kowloon Docks Recreation Club (for St.
Dunstan's) 14th Contribution, \$150; Mrs.
P. B. Stanton \$12; sale of nine C.I.S.S.
Badges and Postal Labels—Miss P. Har-
rop \$2; Miss R. H. Judan \$1; Mrs. O. A.
MacLeod \$1; Mrs. Campbell \$1; Postal
Labels 40 cents; total \$104,000.00.

ANTI-TUBERCULOSIS ASSOCIATION

The Hongkong Anti-Tuberculosis As-
sociation acknowledges the following
donations and subscriptions: Dock Co.
Ltd., \$2,000; Ho Kam-tong, \$1,000; Ku Ho-
ling, \$1,000; Fung Fook-tien, \$500; Fung
Yan-Ming, \$500; Lam Cheong Yuen, \$100;
Hongkong Canton Export Co., Ltd., \$100;
S. W. Lee, \$100; Asiatic Petroleum Co.
Ltd., \$100; Kwong Sang, \$100; Dr. Lo
Ying-kwan, \$100; Dr. Li Shu-fan,
\$100; S. E. Levy & Co., \$100; South China
Agriculture Association, \$100; The Hong-
kong Motor Bus Co., \$100; Mackinnon Mackenzie
& Co., \$50; Gibb Livingstone & Co., Ltd.,
\$50; Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd., \$50;
Liang Cheong, \$50; Sir Ely Kadourie,
\$50; \$50; Hongkong Brewery and Dis-
tillery Ltd., \$25; M. F. Key, \$25; Kenneth
Hume, \$25; J. H. Gelling \$5.
The S. C. M. Post has received the
following donation to the Anti-Tuber-
culosis Association—Marjorie Allinson,
\$50.

ST JOHN AMBULANCE

Mr. E. M. Raymond, the Assistant
Commissioner of St John Ambulance
Association and Secretary, acknowledges
the receipt of the following donations:

The Hon. the Governor Sir Geoffrey
H. D. Bryan, \$100; Proceeds of
Church Theatre, \$100; Performance organised
by Messrs Ho Kam-tong, etc., and Tang
Yan-Ming, \$2,400; Hongkong Jockey
Club, \$100; Hongkong Telephone Co.,
\$400; Sir Ely Kadourie and Sons, \$250;
Kowloon Club, \$150; Hongkong Football
Association, \$150; E. D. Dawson Banking
Co., \$50; Concrete Products, \$50; Court-
land Hotel, \$50; Hongkong Stock Ex-
change, \$50; The Hongkong Chinese
Women's Club, \$25; Lieut. Col. H. B.
Dowling, \$10; Mr. A. S. Potter (mobili-
tation pay), \$50; Miss D. Loxes and Miss
I. K. Hing, (their mobilisation pay), \$7;
Dr. S. C. Yuen, \$5; Mr. Lau King-tsing,
\$5.

THE SALVATION ARMY

The Salvation Army Headquarters
acknowledges receipt of the following
donations, which have been credited to
the Annual Appeal for 1941:

Previously acknowledged, \$5,811; Mr. and
Mrs. P. C. Hall, \$250; Mrs. W. Wright
(U.S.A.), \$25; Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Potter,
\$25; Hon. Mr. C. G. Perdue, \$20; The Bank
of East Asia, Ltd., \$20; total to date
\$6,321.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official
Summary, issued yesterday, is:

Buyers
Bank of East Asia \$71
H.K. Fire Ins. \$170
Indo-China (Pref) \$80
Docks \$14.80
Hotels \$2.85
Lands \$31
Refrigerators \$2.70
Trans \$15.75
Lights "O" \$5.70
Lights "N" \$1.20
Macao Electric \$18.70
Cements \$13.35
Ropes \$6.70
Entertainments \$6.25

Sellers

H.K. Banks \$1,310/12 1/4
Providents \$5
Electricity "O" X Rts \$21.50
Electricity Rts \$11
Cements \$13.50

Exchange At A Glance

SELLING
T.T. London 1/2 3/4
Demand London 1/2 3/4
T.T. Shanghai 440
T.T. Singapore 52 3/4
T.T. Japan 102 1/2
T.T. India 102 1/2
T.T. U.S.A. 40 1/2
T.T. Manila 40 1/2
T.T. Batavia 40 1/2
T.T. Bangkok 145 1/4
T.T. Saigon 104 1/2
T.T. France 102 1/2
T.T. Switzerland 102 1/2
T.T. Australia 1/0 1/2

BUYING
4 m/s L/C London 1/3 1/4
4 m/s D/P London 1/3 1/4
4 m/s D/C U.S.A. 25
4 m/s France 40 1/2
30 d/s India 84 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in London 4.02 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in N.Y. 4.03 1/2

Battleships Of Britain And Axis

LONDON, May 26 (British
Wireless).—While the loss of
the Hood must not be minimised,
the British Navy has 15 capital
ships against the nominal role
of 12 available to the Axis
fleets.

But of the Axis 12, only eight
are now effective, Italy having lost
over 35,000-ton Littorio. Class
battleships, one at Taranto and
other severely damaged at Matapan.
Of her Cavour Class, only two are
available at the present time,
one having foundered at Taranto and
one being damaged.

Of Germany's six, capital ships
(two of them being the pocket battle-
ships, Lutzow and Admiral Scheer),
the Gneisenau and Scharnhorst are
still in Brest, where they have re-
ceived considerable attention from
the R.A.F.

Of the British battleships, the
oldest is the Revenge, completed in
1915, and the newest is Prince of
Wales, commissioned in 1941.

Formosa-P.L. Swimming Meet Cancelled

TAIPEI, May 16 (Dome).—

The annual Philippines-Formosa
swimming meet which was sched-
uled to be held in Formosa this
year was formally called off yester-
day by the Formosa Athletic
Association because no definite
answer was received to the invita-
tion which was extended to the
Philippines on December 28, 1940.
The Association announced that
preparations had been going on dis-
pate Philippine silence but with no
answer at the proximity of the open-
ing in cancellation was necessary.
The meet had been held six times
in the past.

Colony Junior Chess Championship

THOUGH UN Kwal-yung holds
the lead in the Colony Junior Chess
Championship, he has played 13
games, having won eight, but A. Y.
Hlurkoff, only one point behind,
is in a more favourable position
having played only nine games, of
which only one has been lost and
one drawn.

Last week's results were:
R. C. Danenberg beat V. V. Kolat-
choff, UN Kwal-yung beat W. Lee
and J. Grefalda beat J. H. d'Almeida.

The table to date is as follows:

Un Kwal-yung 12 8 1 3 8 1/2
A. Y. Hlurkoff 13 7 1 1 7 1/2
R. C. Danenberg 10 6 2 2 7 1/2
J. Grefalda 11 5 2 2 4 1/2
V. V. Kolatchoff 9 3 0 2 5 1/2
J. Tausz 9 3 0 2 5 1/2
W. Lee 10 3 2 2 5 1/2
E. Petrov 11 3 0 8 3 1/2
R. C. Gardiner 7 2 1 4 2 1/2
J. H. d'Almeida 11 1 0 10 1

RARE CHINESE ART TREASURE

LONDON, May 25 (Central News).—
A rare Chinese art treasure formed
the chief purchase by the British
Museum during 1940, according to
a report of the National Art Collec-
tion Fund.

The acquisition was a lacquer
toilet box made in the early Han
period which is considered by British
experts as the most important early
Chinese lacquer left in the Far East.
It was bought for £880.

That purchases of Chinese art
treasures continues despite the war
is evidence of the deep favourable
impression made by the Chinese Art
Exhibition at Burlington House,
London, 1936.

Windsor Mock Gas Attack

A mock gas attack, of which
the public had been warned was
staged in Windsor recently,
when high concentrations of
tear gas were released simulta-
neously in all the principal
streets.

Most shoppers quickly put on their
masks. People not carrying masks
were sent by the police into air raid
shelters. Some had tears streaming
down their face. The official verdict
was that the exercise was very suc-
cessful.

China Looks To U.S.: Gauss In Chungking

CHUNGKING, May 26 (Reuter).—"The world is now look-
ing to the United States as the last citadel of civilisation," Mr.
Lin Sen, Chairman of the Chinese National Government here,
told Mr. Clarence Gauss, the new United States Ambassador to
China.

Presenting his credentials, Mr.
Gauss expressed his firm conviction
that the principles for which the
peoples of China and the United
States stand for—freedom and liberty
—would finally prevail.

He added that the long-standing
American friendship for China had
been enhanced by their admiration
of the Chinese determination to de-
fend their freedom.

Referring to American assistance
to China, Mr. Gauss said that the
United States was now becoming a
great arsenal for those peoples who
were defending their liberty, freedom
and independence.

Faith In China's Destiny
Recalling that he had been 30
years in China, he stressed his great
faith in the Chinese people and his
confidence in China's destiny.

Mr. Lin Sen, replying, expressed
the appreciation and gratitude of the
Chinese people for the assistance they
had received and undoubtedly would
continue to receive from the United
States.

H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were
issued on the Hongkong Stock Mar-
ket this morning.

BANKS
H.K. Banks \$..... 1,310/12 1/4
H.K. Banks £..... 76 n
H.K. Banks (H.K.) £..... 78 n
Chartered, A. & B. £..... 8 1/2 n
Mercantile C. £..... 11 n
East Asia £..... 71 b

INSURANCES
Cantons \$..... 220 n
Union \$..... 405 n
China Underwriters \$..... 1 p
H. K. Fire \$..... 176 b

SHIPPING
Douglas \$..... 128 n
Steamships \$..... 8 n
Indo-China P. \$..... 60 b
Indo-China D. \$..... 60 n
Shell (Bearers) s/-..... 40/7 1/4 n
Waterbush \$..... 655 n

DOCKS ETC.
Wharves \$..... 85 1/2 n
Docks \$..... 14.80 n
Provident \$..... 5 b & sa
Shai Dockyards \$..... 25 1/4 n

MINING
Kallan s/-..... 11 n
Rubs \$..... 8 n
H.K. Mines \$..... 1 1/4 cts n

LANDS
Hotels \$..... 2.85 b
Lands \$..... 31 b
Lands 4% Debentures 07 1/2 n
Shai Lands Sh. \$..... 12.80 n
Humphreys \$..... 6.70 n
H.K. Realities \$..... 2.70 b
Chinese Estates \$..... .99 n

UTILITIES
Trans \$..... 15 1/2 n
Peak Trams (old) \$..... 7 1/2 n
Peak Trams (new) \$..... 3 1/2 n
Star Ferries \$..... 51 1/4 n
Y. Ferries \$..... 21.25 n
China Lights (old) \$..... 5.70 b
China Lights (new) 1.20 b
H.K. Electric (old) x rts \$21.60 sa
H.K. Electric (new) 21.03 n
Macao Electric \$..... 11 sa
Sandskan Lights \$..... 18.70 b
Telephones (old) \$..... 22.60 n
Telephones (new) \$..... 0 1/4 n

INDUSTRIALS
Cald: Mng. (Ord.), Sh. \$..... 30 n
Cald: Mng. (Pref.), Sh. \$..... 25 n
Canton Ices \$..... 1 n
Cements \$..... 13 1/2 sa
H.K. Ropes \$..... 7 s

STORES, &c.
Dairy Farms \$..... 17 1/4 n
Watsons \$..... 0 1/2 n
Lane Crawfords \$..... 7 1/4 n
Sincere \$..... 2.15 n
Wing On (H.K.) \$..... 39 n
Powell Ltd. \$..... 1 1/2 n

COTTON MILLS
Ewo Sh. \$..... 33 1/4 n
Shai Cotton Sh. \$..... 295 n

MISC.
H.K. Govt 4% (1934) 07 n
H.K. Govt 3 1/2% (1934) 04 1/2 n
H.K. Govt 3 1/4% (1940) 04 n
Ch. Govt. 5% 1925 Gdsds. 28 n
Entertainments \$..... 0 1/4 b
Constructions (old) \$..... 1.60 n
Constructions (new) \$..... 1 n
Vibro Piling \$..... 7.20 n
Marmans Inv. (Lond) s/-..... 0 1/3 n
Marmans Inv. (H.K.) s/-..... 2 1/4 n

NEWFOUNDLAND CONGRATULATED ON WAR EFFORT

LONDON, May 26 (British Wire-
less).—Newfoundland, which begins
its recruiting week to-day, has re-
ceived the following message from
Mr. Winston Churchill:

"The people of Newfoundland,
with their long history of hardships
surmounted and their profound at-
tachment to the island on which their
ancestors founded the oldest British
overseas territories, have already
made a magnificent contribution to
the war.

"The task of oppression and the
deadly threat to our civilisation calls
for the utmost endeavour from us
all and I am glad to learn that still
greater efforts are being made in
Newfoundland. I wish them every
success.

"With this spirit, we shall not fail
to achieve the final victory of right
and freedom on which our hearts are
set."

International Tea Committee

LONDON, May 26 (Reuter).—The
International Tea Committee have
raised the tea quota for the current
period of regulation from 80 to 95
per cent, with a view to allowing
the position of the eastern markets,
where the Committee think the
prices have risen extravagantly.

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12.15 p.m. Short Service of Inter-
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12.30 Cesar Franck—Sonata in A
Major—1st Mov. Allegretto ben
moderato, 2nd Mov. Allegro, 3rd
Mov. Recitativo-Fantasia, 4th Mov.
Allegretto poco mosso—Alfred Cortel
(Piano) and Jacques Thibaud (Vio-
lin).

1.00 Local Time Signal.

1.01 Variety by Conno Boswell
with Orchestra, Rudy Starita with
Orchestra, Fred Astaire with Orches-
tra and Larry Adler.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press and
Announcements.

1.45 Dance Music by Billy
Hayerl and His Orchestra, Jack
Meyton and His Orchestra, Ronilo
Munro and His Orchestra, Ruby
Newman and His Orchestra, and
Jack Payne and His Band.

2.15 Close Down.

5.45 Indian Programme.

6.30 Closing Local Stock Quota-
tions.

6.32 The Comedy Harmonists,
6.45 Moszkowski—"From Foreign
Lands" Suite, State Opera Or-
chestra.

7.00 London Relay—"The News."

7.15 London Relay—"Questions of
the Hour."

7.30 Portuguese Programme.

8.00 Local Time Signal and An-
nouncements.

8.02 New Variety—Vocal—My
Sister and I (Kramer and others),
Afraid to say Hello (Taylor-Arden)

Ben Wain with Orchestra; Piano
The Lady Craves Attention (Car-
roll), Harlem (Carroll), Eddie
Carroll; Comedian—Sitting on the
ice in the Ice Rink (Cottrill); Why
Don't Women Like Me? (Cottrill-
Bennett), George Formby with
his Ukulele and Orchestra accomp.;
Organ—Torch Parade, No. 3, Sidney
Torch Vocal—Only Forever (film
"Rhythm on the River")... Turner
Layton and his piano.

8.30 A "Swing" programme with
Maxine Sullivan.

9.00 London Relay—"The News
and News Commentary."

9.15 Half an Hour of Popular
Classics—Tone-Poem "Finlandia"
Op. 26, No. 7 (Sibelius)... Leopold
Stokowski and the Philadelphia Or-
chestra; Le Cyme (Saint-Saens)—
Marcel Mule (alto saxophone) with
piano; Wherever You Walk (Handel)
with Orchestra; Ecossaise (Bethoven)...

Mischa Levitzki (Piano); "Rosa-
mund"—Ballet Music No. 2, Op. 26
(Schubert)... Serge Koussevitzky
and the Boston Symphony Orchestra;
Pavane Angelique (Gazzeri-Grossi-
Frank)... Beniamino Gigli (Tenor)
with State Opera Orchestra; Prelude
in C Sharp Minor, Op. 3, No. 2
(Bachmannoff)... Arthur Rubinstein
(Piano).

9.45-10.00 News in French (on
Short Wave only).

9.45 Liszt—Hungarian Fantasia
for Piano and Orchestra.

Jacques Dupon (piano) and the
Orchestra Symphonique de Paris.

10.00 Verdi's "Il Trovatore" Acts
I and II—Singers in Order of ap-
pearance Corrado Zambelli, Bianca
Saccalotti, Ida Mannarini, Francesco
Merli, Enrico Molinari, Giuseppe
Zinetti, Enzo Arnaldi, Emilio Ven-
turini and the Chorus of La Scala,
Milan, with the Milan Symphony Or-
chestra.

11.00 Close Down.

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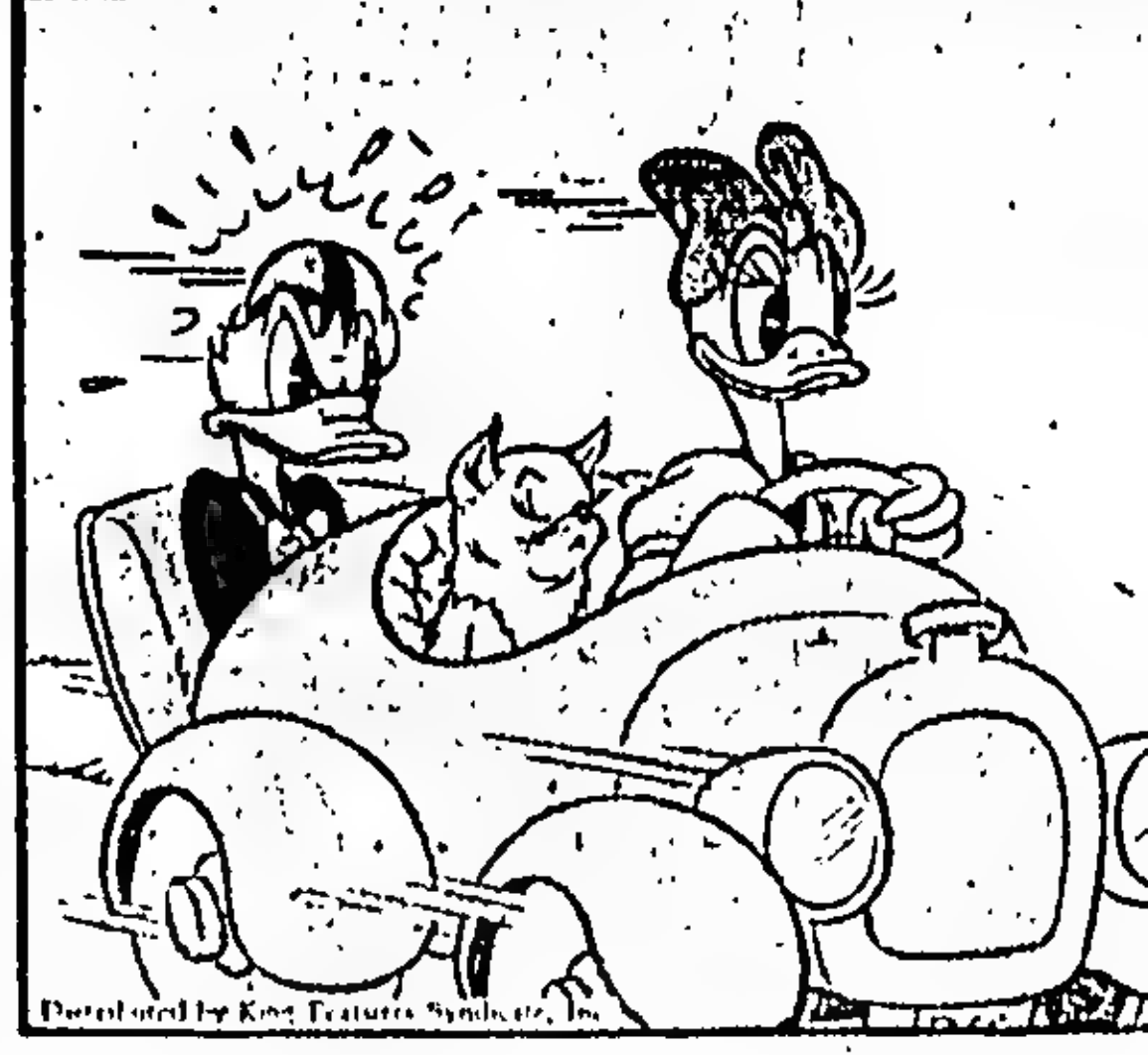
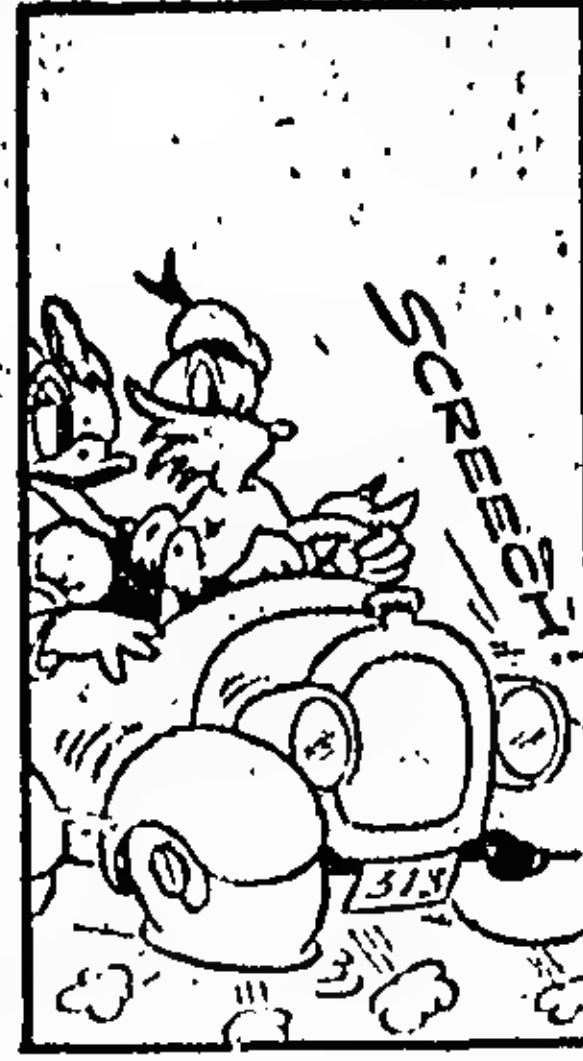
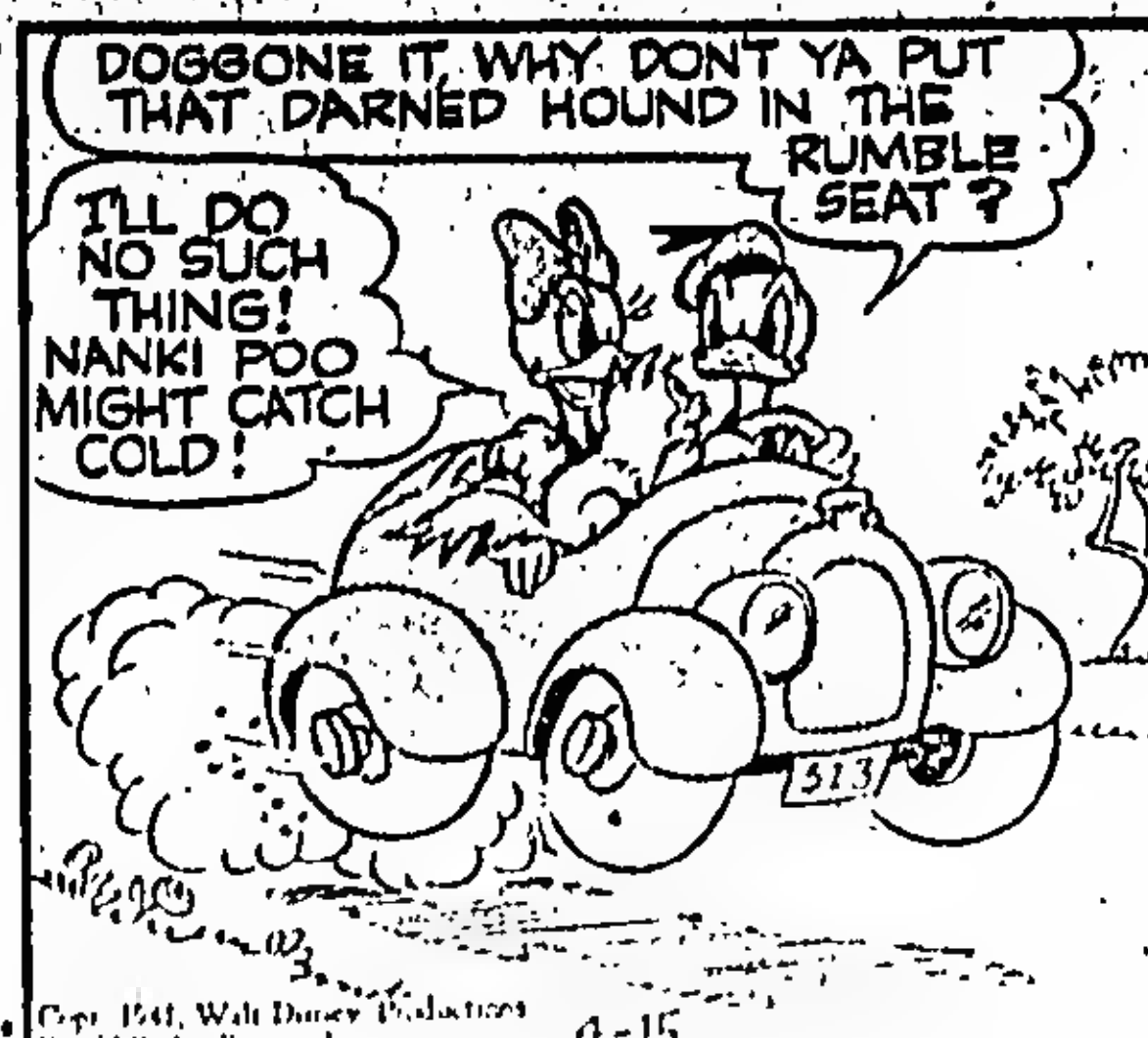
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World's Largest Diamond is Cut

By PIERRE VILLERE
 United Press Staff Correspondent

On May 1, the first piece of the Presidente Vargas diamond fell onto the cutting table in the iron-barred office of Harry Winston on Fifth Avenue, New York.

The Vargas, weighing 726.60 carats, is the largest in the world, and the third largest ever found. When it has been cut up, the 23 resultant diamonds will weigh from five to fifty carats each, and will have an aggregate value of \$2,000,000.

At noon on April 9 a phosphor-bronze wheel, its edge charged with diamond dust, began cutting the huge stone. The first piece, the size of a small bon-bon, required 21 days in the cutting.

That initial operation marked the climax of a series of events—the discovery, pursuit, and final purchase of the Vargas—which provides one of the most fabulous and dramatic episodes in the history of a fabulous and dramatic industry.

On the afternoon of August 13, 1938, two brothers, Joaquim and Manoel Evancio, farmers, discovered a dull looking piece of rock in the bed of the Rio San Antonio in Brazil. At first they tossed it back, but Manoel insisted upon a second look. For a moment he saw the rays of the sun pierce the dull exterior, and he knew he was holding a diamond in his hand.

Real Gem

He took it to a broker in Rio de Janeiro, who, quickly satisfied it was really a diamond, paid the brothers a good-sized fortune for it. He named it the Presidente Vargas, after Brazil's chief executive.

Within a few hours, the wheels of the glamorous industry went into furious action. Dealers from Antwerp, Amsterdam, London, Johannesburg, and New York began converging upon Rio. One of them was Harry Winston. His jump from New York to Rio was only the first move of a race that took him four months and involved more than 20,000 miles of travel.

For in the meantime, the broker had sold the diamond to one Oswaldo Dauter dos Reis for \$400,000 and from him it had passed to the Hollandsche Unie bank of Rio. By the time Winston reached Rio the stone had already been shipped to Amsterdam. After a great deal of negotiations, which included a quick trip back to London and involved the buying up of many options, he won possession of the stone.

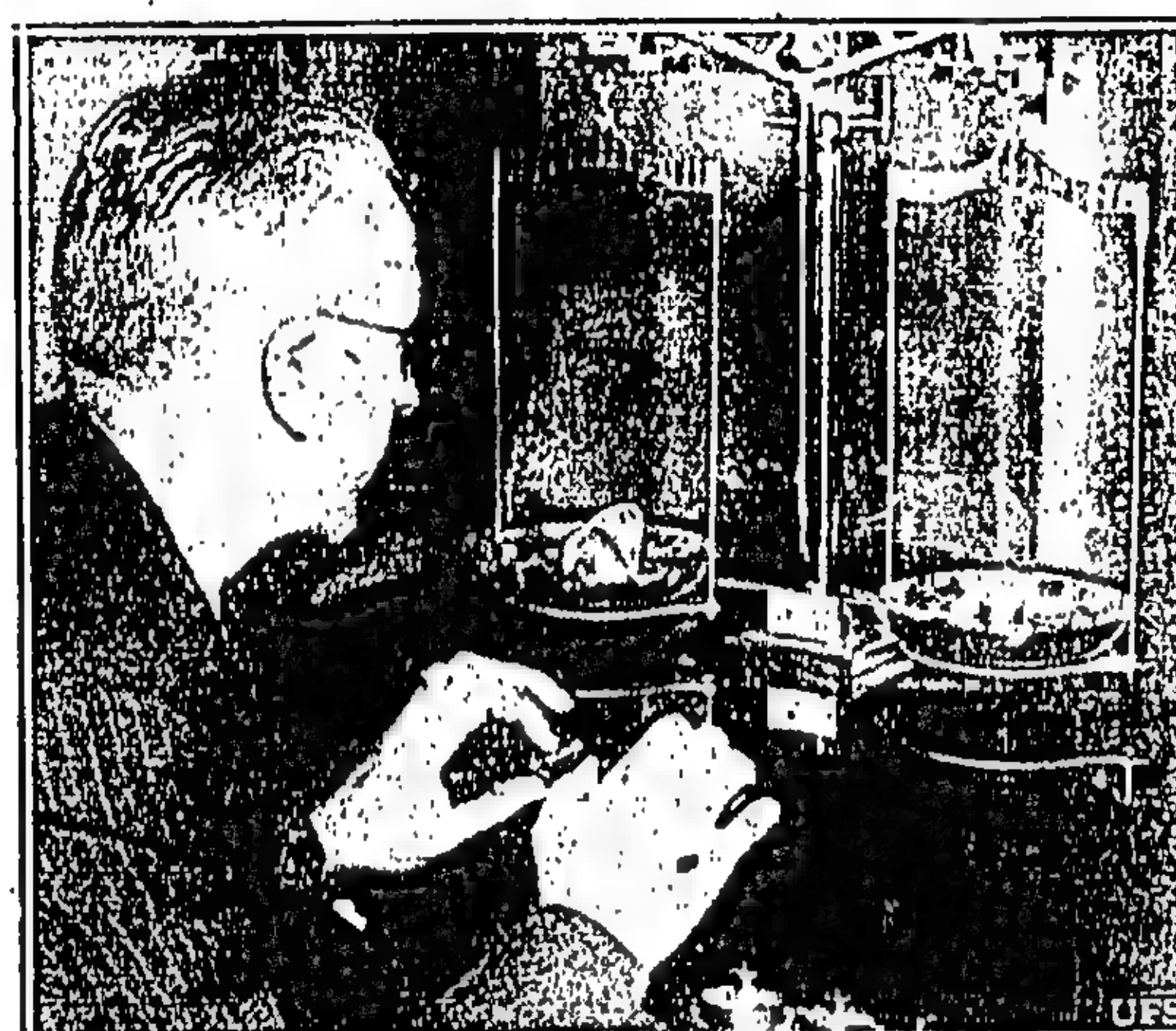
Insured For Million

He insured the stone for a million dollars, and shipped it to the United States, taking no elaborate precautions. It was sent by ordinary registered postage costing exactly 70 cents.

For months the diamond was studied behind the iron gates of the Winston offices. A plaster impression of the original stone was made, and hundreds of glass duplicates cast from it. After much experimentation into the "planes of cleavage" it was decided that the Vargas could be cut into 23 good stones ranging in size from five to fifty carats, the majority being from 10 to 30 carats.

Cutting Procedure

Most of the world's great diamonds, including the Jonker, a



CUTTING BIG STONE—The Vargas diamond, largest existing, is weighed in New York preparatory to cutting it into 23 pieces. The gem was discovered in 1938 in Brazil and was named for President Getulio Vargas. It weighs 726.60 carats. About 50 percent vanishes into dust in the cutting.

fraction of a carat smaller than the Vargas and also owned by Winston, first have to be cleaved. This means that after a tiny groove has been made along the grain, a steel rule, placed in the groove, is tapped once with a wooden mallet. The stone either splits exactly in two or shatters into ruinous chips.

After studying the Vargas, Winston decided to reverse the procedure. The first piece is being saved off, and only then will the stone be cleaved. Adrian Grassely, the gentleman who will do the cleaving, has existed on black coffee and cigars for four weeks. One minute miscalculation could cost his employer hundreds of thousands of dollars.

The entire operations, including cutting, cleaving, girdling, blocking, faceting, and polishing, will require at least 15 months. In the course of that time, nearly half of the stone will vanish into dust, a sacrifice to the brilliance and beauty of the finished pieces.

BILLY BROWN

BY WILLIAM DOWNS
 United Press Staff Correspondent

BILLY BROWN of London Town is the city's wisest and most prudent person. To-day and every day you can read of this British John Q. Citizen on any subway or bus.

This perfect Londoner is a little man always dressed in a bowler, dark striped trousers, stiff collar, black business coat and armed with an umbrella. Millions of London workers know him as well or better than they know their next door neighbour.

They know that he always carries his gsmask, that he stands patiently in queues, that he is extremely careful in the black-out, that he always carries something white so he can be seen by motorists in the darkness and that he lets his employees go home from work so they won't jam black-out traffic.

BROWN'S FAME is due to the combined efforts of a poet named Richard Osborne, a cartoonist, David Langdon, and the London Passenger Transport Board. Osborne and Langdon created the mythical Billy Brown as the central character of a series of goodwill advertisements designed to aid bus and subway passengers travelling about war-time London. Here's an example:

When Billy Brown goes out at night
 He wears or carries something white.
 When Mrs Brown is in the black-out
 She likes to wear her old white mack out.
 And Sally Brown straps round her shoulder
 A natty plain white gus-mask holder.
 The Browns want people near and far
 To know exactly where they are.

LANGDON DEPICTED THE ENTIRE BROWN FAMILY walking joyfully through the black-out with all their white on. Government officials have com-

mented on the London Transport campaigns' lighthearted public safety value.

To those used to push, shove and off-tackle methods of boarding buses, street cars and subways, it seems queuing is a favourite downtown sport among Londoners. Get five of them together on any street and they appear automatically to form a line. Here's how Osborne and Langdon attacked the situation:

Billy's standing in a queue
 As we all must sometimes do.
 Queuing in these days of rush
 Means you don't have any crush.
 And the Seconds saved will lend
 Extra minutes to journey's end.
 But, says Billy, see you choose.
 The proper one of several queues.

BROWN'S INFINITE WISDOM of black-out life also produced the following ode to night-time traffic.

Down below the station's bright
 But here outside it's black as night.
 Billy Brown will wait a bit
 And let his eyes grow used to it.
 Then he'll scan the road and see
 Before he crosses, if it's free:
 Remembering when lights are dim
 That cars he sees may not see him.

The London Transport also posted this verified chronicle of Citizen Brown.
 Billy Brown's own Highway code
 For Black-outs is 'Stay off the Road.'
 He'll never step out and begin
 To meet a bus that's pulling in.
 He doesn't wave his torch at night
 But 'flags' his bus with something white.
 He never jostles in a queue,
 But waits and takes his turn. Do you?

AND finally here is Brown on kindness to employees:
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 Is far the nicest boss in town.
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But though these qualities give him a better chance in life, they bring with them dangers that have to be watched. Parents need far greater insight in handling such children. Many highly-strung, sensitive children have grown up to be utter failures—weak, nervous, over-sensitive—because their parents did not fully understand certain health warnings during childhood.

These health warnings may start at any age. The child goes off his food, is fussy at meals; he gets pale, puffy under the eyes; you find he tires easily, becomes listless; he sleeps restlessly. All these are serious signs that something is wrong.

It usually means that the child is using up his nervous energy more quickly than he's replacing it. And it is at night, during sleep, that these stores of nervous energy should be replaced. If they are not replaced, the nervous strain on the child gets worse and worse. He's suffering from Night Starvation.

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THE TIME WILL COME

FIGHTING a war on the defensive for any length of time is a gruelling, nerve-wracking task. To accomplish it successfully so that eventually, and at the right moment, the initiative can be adopted, calls for infinite patience, unbounded courage, tenacity of purpose, and sublime confidence in a nation's leaders and fighting personnel. More than once these qualities have proved to be the backbone of Britain when she has been most sorely pressed; they are, in fact, inherent characteristics. And never have been more needed than to-day.

Already some people, irritated by the seemingly never-ending defensive tactics employed by the British military chiefs, are suggesting that the time has come when Britain should start a counter-offensive on the Continent, arguing that if it is delayed much longer Hitler may become too solidly implanted for us to do anything more than force a stalemate. But the argument lacks recognition of certain essentials.

Britain's leaders, both military, naval and political, have insisted from the start of the war that its successful conclusion can only be effected through a complete knock-out blow which envisages a large-scale invasion of the French, Belgian and Dutch occupied countries, and a consequent defeat of the German armies on the field of battle. Clearly, however, this cannot be accomplished without the fullest preparations, and the establishment of certain conditions inimical to the Nazis' defences. Firstly, control of the air is vital. Until, and unless, our invading forces can be given the fullest protection from the air, and the same air force can simultaneously harass the enemy defences with dive-bombing and machine-gunning, invasion of the Continent might well be nothing but suicide. Britain is gaining the upper hand in aerial warfare over Europe, but she still requires thousands of additional planes before she is able to launch the awaited, and let it be emphasised, inevitable onslaught.

It is true that because of Hitler's successes to date some effects of the British blockade have been nullified, and it is doubtful whether we could actually win the war outright even if the blockade was 100 per cent effective. But it must also be borne in mind that one important effect of winning the Battle of the Atlantic will be to tighten to an extent not yet attained in this war, our blockade of Germany and her occupied territories, and the defeat of the Nazis in the Atlantic may confidently be predicted as a prelude to our counter-offensive by sea, land and air.

Another important point worthy of attention in considering Britain's military situation to-day is that we have displayed, with outstanding achievement, initiative on more than one battlefield. British and Empire forces have wrested Ethiopia from Italy; they destroyed Graziani's army, and are still holding their own against combined Axis forces in North Africa. Initiative has allowed us to retain command in Iraq; has invited Vichy to realise that Syria will not be spared if that country offers aid to the Nazis; and it was initiative that has enabled us to repulse the German invasion of Crete.

WHY WE NEED AN ARMY OF 4,000,000 MEN

By Lieut-General

SIR FREDERICK MAURICE

President of the British Legion

THIS is a war of machines. It will be won in our factories and in the factories of the United States.

Why, then, do we need an army of millions?

The 36's have now been registered, and we are told that more classes are being called up.

Are we starving the factories and the land for the sake of a vast army, which at its greatest strength cannot possibly be half the size of Germany's?

These are statements and questions heard to-day in many quarters, and it is natural that they should be heard.

It is a good many years ago since I wrote that in the next war one of the gravest and most complex problems would be to hold a just balance between the requirements in man-power of the factories and of the Services.

The Government has been reluctant to apply more compulsion than is absolutely necessary.

It has been working more or less on the trial and error method. Mistakes have been made and are being corrected as they arise with more or less success.

On the whole we are doing a great deal better than we did in the last war in the organisation of man-power, which, of course, includes woman-power.

Exaggeration

THERE has been a good deal of exaggeration of the numbers allotted to the Army.

Actually the registrations for service up to date are a little fewer than 3,000,000.

The men of the older classes which have been registered have not yet been called up.

Those who have joined the Services are required to maintain the man-power of the Navy and the R.A.F. as well as the Army.

The Navy needs more men than in the last war, because we are alone now in keeping the sea open. In addition the Navy has to maintain a very large number of minesweepers and small craft to deal with minelaying and U-boats.

The R.A.F., too, is many times larger than it was at the

corresponding period of the last war.

When the needs of the Navy and Air Force have been met, the Army gets the rest of those not in reserved occupations and, in the case of the older classes, those who have not chosen to go to A.R.P. and fire services.

More System

THE numbers produced by compulsory service in the first 17 months of this war are rather less than the numbers produced by voluntary service in the same period of the last war.

But they are much better organised now.

Then, men rushed to the recruiting offices and were accepted with little regard to their qualifications. Men who should have been trained as leaders, experts, and technicians, men who were wanted in the factories, were killed or injured in the ranks, and those of the latter class who escaped injury had to be combed out of the services and put back into factories when the cry went up for more and more munitions. A very wasteful process.

Now we have a long list of reserved occupations, which keeps the experts and technicians where they are wanted; young men studying science, engineering, medicine, and so forth, are allowed to complete their training so that the supply may be maintained; young men who are likely to be leaders are picked out during their recruit training and sent off to be made into officers.

All this means that there is more system and less waste than there was last time.

Empire Defence

IT is true, however, that the Army gets the bulk of the available man-power.

Why? Because the Army has to do a lot of things.

It has to maintain our foreign garrisons. Running from west to east, we have garrisons in Gibraltar, Malta, Cyprus, Aden, India, Burma, Ceylon, Singapore and Hongkong. That takes a good many men.

The Army is responsible for the ground defence of Palestine, Egypt and the Suez Canal, the Sudan, Kenya and Uganda.

For this troops from home have been strongly reinforced from India and the Dominions.

Wavell's Wait

GENERAL WAVELL, who knows that offence is the best defence, attacked at the first moment he was strong enough. With brilliant results.

The effect of a succession of blows delivered quickly is much greater than the effect of the same blows at intervals.

If Wavell had had enough men and material to enable him to do what the Germans did in 1914, when they besieged Longwy, Namur and Maubeuge without letting up in their pursuit of the British and French armies, if he could have besieged Bardia and Tobruk while simultaneously driving Graziani's field army out of Libya, if he could at the same time have invaded Abyssinia and given the Greeks the help they needed to drive the Italians into the sea, then indeed Italy would have been tottering.

Main Task

BUT the Prime Minister has told us that the General Staff took grave risks in sending Wavell the men and material to enable him to do what he has done. More could not be spared.

WHY? BECAUSE THE MAIN TASK OF THE NAVY, ARMY AND R.A.F. IS STILL HOME DEFENCE.

Mr Churchill has again told us that the menace of invasion is to-day as real as ever.

Our position is very much what it was in March 1918, when the Germans went all out to finish us off before American help became effective.

We may be certain that Hitler will try to do the same.

Defence of Britain

THE defence of our shores requires much more man-power than in 1914-1918.

We have our immense coastline to defend.

The length of the South Coast alone, from Land's End to the North Foreland, is greater than was the whole Western Front.

Every possible landing place in Britain is fortified.

These form our outposts. Behind them are the supports. And behind these again are the reserves ready to pounce if the enemy breaks through.

As lately as June last our Expeditionary Force in France lost the whole of its equipment. The munitions which should have gone to equip and train new formations had to be diverted to re-equipping our front line.

This put the programme back. As the new levies are equipped and trained, they will take over home defence and the first line will be freed to go overseas to take advantage of such opportunities as the Italian blunders of last November offered us.

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES OF THE SAME KIND WILL COME. BUT UNTIL WE HAVE ENOUGH MEN TO SEIZE THEM WITHOUT RISKING DEFENCE AT HOME IT CANNOT BE MAINTAINED. THAT WE HAVE TOO MANY MEN IN THE ARMY.

Opposite Numbers

2 The army chiefs

FIELD-MARSHAL GENERAL WILHELM VON KEITEL, chief of the German Army High Command, swarthy handsome, fifty-eight, has sometimes been called the German Napoleon. He has given his whole life to the army and has no outside interests.

Keitel looks the typical Prussian officer, but in fact—like most of the Nazi leaders—is not a Prussian himself.



It was Keitel who, against the advice of his staff, advised Hitler to attack through Holland and Belgium and at the weakest points of France's defences. He has always been a devoted servant in his long-tenured hatred of Britain an attack against the country on land, sea and in the air, and told Hitler it could only be done with submarine and air bases in the Low Countries as well as France.

Best saying: We are ready, my Fuehrer, to smash Britain.

GENERAL SIR JOHN DILL, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, also fifty-eight, tall, lean-faced, an Irishman, with eyes that twinkle very easily, was paid perhaps the greatest tribute by the British Army ever given to a leader.

When he gave up command of the 1st Corps in France to become vice-chief of the Imperial General Staff, just before the German offensive, he had to go to a moment's notice.



Dill

command. Quite spontaneously they came to cheer a beloved commander. It was Sir John who had to take the decision, after consulting Mr Winston Churchill and General Wavell, to reinforce the Middle East Army when we were far short of equipment at home. It was typical of his bravery as a leader. He has been since 1918, when he was made brigadier-general. He was then thirty-six.

Best saying: Efficient preparation wins battles.

KEY TO THE EAST

CYPRUS, madam, is the key to Western Asia, and the outer gate of the Suez Canal.

In these words Disraeli in 1878, explained to Queen Victoria why he was anxious that Great Britain should have a controlling voice in the destinies of the Mediterranean Island. He was particularly interested in the subject, because three years previously he had negotiated on his own responsibility the purchase on behalf of the British Government of 176,000 shares in the Canal for the sum of £3,970,582.

Yet Disraeli was not quite satisfied. He regarded the Canal as vulnerable to attack from many quarters, particularly from the Island of Cyprus only 250 miles distant. So long as this, with the whole coast-line of Asia Minor, Syria, Palestine, and Egypt, remained under Turkish dominion, Disraeli confessed that he was not happy.

Suddenly in 1878 the Fates seemed to play into Disraeli's hands. Turkey asked if Great Britain would like to keep a watchful eye on the Island. Trouble had arisen between Turkey and Russia. The latter was beginning to stretch her legs. She sought an outlet to the Mediterranean via the Bosphorus and the Dardanelles, and had ambitions to establish her authority at Constantinople. Turkey stood in the way. At that time she held sway over the greater part of the Balkans, as well as over large territories in Asia and Africa. She had in fact much more than she could manage, but was unwilling to see any part of her Empire fall into Russian hands.

Only a few years previously Gladstone had declared that the Turk should be expelled from Europe "bag

The time for the big showdown is not yet. But it will come, and it will come when we are ready to start it. Until then, confidence can remain high and steadfast in the fighting ability of our defenders, both military and civil, at home and in the other war theatres. They, at least, are learning the mistakes to avoid when it comes to their turn to attack—valuable lessons in this war of such mobile movement and novel tactics.

and baggage." Disraeli and Lord Salisbury disagreed. Better the Turks at Constantinople than the Russians, was their opinion.

Early in 1877 Russia declared war on Turkey, and obtained one success after another, until by the end of the year Constantinople was isolated. Turkey had too many points to guard. In desperation she invited Great Britain to nurse Cyprus while she reorganised her forces. She knew that at the time we had no great love for the Russians. The Crimean War had not been forgotten, and the prospect of Russia extending her frontier to the Mediterranean was an unpleasant picture.

Disraeli jumped at the opportunity. Parliament agreed on somewhat unusual terms. It offered to pay Turkey the annual sum of £5000 for the privilege of acting as nursemaid. This was estimated to be the difference between the income and expenditure of the Island.

A few days later a British naval force under Admiral Lord John Hay and a military force under Sir Garnet Wolseley took possession of the Island. It has been under British control or ownership ever since, and it is to-day to prove, of the utmost value in operations against the Axis Powers.

Peace was signed shortly afterwards between Russia and Turkey at San Stefano, but the Great Powers, particularly Germany, Austria, France, Italy, and Great Britain, did not approve the settlement.

On the instigation of Bismarck, seconded by Disraeli and Lord Beaconsfield, a conference was called at Berlin, and an attempt was made to reach a more amicable settlement. It was from this conference that Lord Salisbury claimed that he had brought back "Peace with honour."

Peace Treaty of 1919, British ownership was confirmed, and the Island eventually annexed as part of the British Empire.

In the last 20 years much has been done to develop Cyprus as a naval and air base. The harbour at the principal port of Famagusta, facing Syria, has been extended until it is capable of holding the largest ships. Landing grounds have been constructed at Nicosia, the capital of the Island, and a seaplane base established at Limosol, where there is a magnificent large salt water lake.

The Island is ideal for development. "All the great central plain is a vast field," said Sir Ronald Storrs, in a report a few years ago. "You can put bomb-proof hangars in the mountains which fringe the plain." All this, and much more, has been done, and wisely.

Cyprus is the ideal centre from which to wage an offensive, or on which to rely for defensive purposes, in the war of the Near East. It is less than 100 miles from the shores of Syria and Palestine; within 250 miles of Port Said and the Suez Canal; 300 miles from Crete; and just over 500 miles from Athens. Any of these places can be reached by modern aircraft in about an hour's time. Of equal importance is the fact that Cyprus is within striking distance of the newly-established Italian bases in the Dodecanese Islands, only 250 miles away, and no more than 700 miles from the great oil wells of Rumania, which have now passed into German hands.

From Cyprus, far better than from Malta or Alexandria, can an attack be launched, against German or Italian concentrations anywhere in the Balkans.

Disraeli spoke wisely just over 60 years ago. He saw the position which has arisen to-day, but perhaps even he never realised that Cyprus, which he was accepting from Turkey, might eventually become a base from which the interests of Turkey herself might be protected.

Cyprus will prove of the utmost value in the conduct of operations. It will be of even greater importance should Turkey herself become involved in the war.

FRANK LONGWORTH

ITALIAN WAR EFFORT COLLAPSE DESCRIBED

Italy was on the verge of collapse from "Army vs. Party" conflict and military "dry rot" even before she attacked Greece, according to Saville R. Davis, former Rome correspondent of the "Christian Science Monitor."

The army, led by "anti-German" Marshal Pietro Badoglio, chief of the general staff, was "betrayed from the rear" by the pro-German Fascist party, Davis wrote. Bad generalship of Gen. Rodolfo Graziani in Libya was demonstrated, he said, when Italian troops frequently were found in trenches "so deep that they couldn't look out to see the enemy coming."

Davis also wrote that: Badoglio was opposed to the entire war. He tried to persuade Mussolini to delay the Greek expedition. - Mussolini demanded immediate action, saying, "I have spent \$7,500,000 bribing the Greeks in key positions. They will not resist."

While Badoglio was waging a war that he had opposed, the pro-German Fascists led by Roberto Farinacci of the Fascist Grand Council, saw a chance to smash the "old guard" leaders. Farinacci first won a quiet campaign accusing Badoglio of being a traitor who wouldn't fight on Germany's side.

"When the bribery in Greece failed and the army was in a shambles, Farinacci saw his chance to pin the blame on his arch enemy. . . . He prepared an article for his newspaper denouncing the chief of staff for 'incompetence.' When Badoglio read the article he went to Mussolini and said, 'I am resigning.' Mussolini replied that 'you are already out, your resignation was accepted some time ago.'"

Davis told of a soldier he interviewed. The soldier had been in Albania 16 months before the attack on Greece and he was quoted as follows:

Soldier's Story
"That first day (of the Greek campaign) we went up into the Pindus mountains, into a world of ice and snow. I shall never forget the appalling cold as long as I live. The snow was three, four, five feet deep. They sent us into that with summer clothes."

"Next day, we were ambushed by the Greeks. . . . I had a gun. But a piece of the mechanism was lacking. They hadn't spare parts in stock. The gun wouldn't shoot."

"There were about 500 men in my unit. Only 38 of us survived. We had no food for five days, no assistance while struggling back. At the base, I saw docks loaded mountain high with cases of ammunition, food and supplies. But no one was distributing it. It wasn't that we lacked things. It was just that no one got them out to us."

Davis said he heard many similar versions of the war.

Bewildered Peasants
"The army in Albania was a bewildered mass of peasants. Lacking in those essentials of supply lines, staff work, co-ordination and common sense efficiency," he wrote.

"The military had some excuse for the Albanian fiasco. It was a campaign which the high command neither prepared nor wanted. But there was no such excuse in Libya. Here was a clear military defeat."

Davis said Graziani "sent his men like medieval warriors into towns where they locked themselves up and tried to fortify their positions. The desert areas between the towns were left unguarded. There were no defended lines of communication."

One camp was incapable

of adding another. . . . They fought as isolated units instead of as a united army."

They Sent The Dean 100 Fakes

The Very Rev. Edgar Rogers, Dean of Bocking, Essex, has the love of old coins in his blood—an ancestor of his was a Master of the Mint in Queen Elizabeth's reign.

Fifteen months ago, the dean went to a meeting of the Duke of Gloucester's Red Cross and St John Fund. "Why not raise money by asking people to give their old coins?" he suggested.

More than a million coins and medals—three tons of them, filling 129 mailbags—have been the answer.

When his appeal was made coins began to roll into the deanery.

Found Gold

A sorting depot was opened in London, and the dean went up to town every few days, took off his coat and sorted hundredweight after hundredweight of dusty coins.

He has detected 100 clever forgeries of ancient coins. A parcel of Sunday-school medals, worthless except as scrap, contained a valuable Spanish gold coin.

A rare Persian gold coin was concealed in a boxful of Belgian centimes worth only a few pence.

The gems of the collection were to be sold under the hammer at Sotheby's.

Carry Grant To Wed Barbara Hutton

Cary Grant, British-born film actor, looks like being the third husband of Barbara Hutton, the Woolworth heiress.

Their romance has been brewing for about nine months, and they have been seen appearing at Hollywood's night spots together.

Cary Grant's real name is Archibald Leach. He was born in Bristol and lived there until he was 15. He was formerly married to Virginia Cherrill, the actress.

Barbara Hutton has been married twice before—to Count Haugwitz-Reventlow and Prince Alexis Melvank.

The heiress, who inherited about £10,000,000 from the Woolworth estate married Count Reventlow the day after she had divorced Prince Melvank in 1935 and renounced her United States citizenship.

HITLER'S TOTAL SOLDIER

Hitler's latest invention is the "Total soldier." He is training thousands of them in the snows of the Bavarian Alps and the Harz and Silesian Mountains.

It is believed that the idea of the "Total soldier" was given to Hitler by General Dietl, who was the Nazi commander at Narvik.

This new type can be used as a paratrooper, pioneer or ski-patrol, knows how to handle anti-aircraft guns and heavy artillery, is able to repair engines and can be used as an air gunner.

When the full began last autumn the German High Command decided to use the time to organise an "army of specialists."

Hothouse Training
While Colonel Tschirner began training troops for colonial warfare in his famous hothouses, General Guderian reorganised the motorised units, which form two-thirds of the German Army at present.

The remaining troops were sent to the mountains for "total training." They were given some time to get accustomed to the heights.

Afterwards they were trained in mountain warfare—skiing, pioneer work, etc.

During manoeuvres with this newly organised force, three new inventions were tested.

New Inventions
The first is a tank which can move with considerable speed in the deepest snow.

The second is a small sledge which a soldier can carry on his back. It can be folded and unfolded with one movement of the hands.

The third is a new type of tent heated with special instruments that do not cause any smoke.

AMERY'S GIFTS

--Many Languages Spoken

Mr L. S. Amery's linguistic powers were put to a new use recently when he broadcast to the Serbo-Croat people in the B.B.C. programme. The number of languages the Secretary for India speaks is commonly believed to be 'beyond computation.'

There was an occasion at an international conference when he had to meet a large number of journalists from many countries. The gathering was informal, and he spoke to each in his own language, to the growing wonderment of those present.

The last to meet him was a Serb. It was supposed that at last we would be beaten. Mr Amery, however, not only spoke to the man in his own language but quoted some of his own folk-lore to him.

One Man To Direct All Railways

A supreme directing chief will be appointed to run all British railways, writes the "Daily Herald's" Political Correspondent.

Although railway spokesmen say that they know nothing about plans for the central control of the four main lines, they are going forward.

I learn that they do not provide for nationalisation or any form of public ownership.

Rented To The State
A new holding company may take over a financial interest of the four independent companies, and the Government may then "hire" the railways for wartime use.

Operational direction will then be put in the hands of a "railway commander-in-chief," responsible to the Government through a newly constituted railway executive.

There is no indication that railway employees are to have representatives on this executive.

Speed Up
Big economies in operation costs and the speed up of transport will be achieved by a far-reaching pooling of railway personnel, routes, rolling stock and equipment.

Rationing of transport, both for goods and passengers, may be introduced. Essential war supplies will be given priority, and then coal and food.

In many quarters the view is held that the Government should introduce a comprehensive scheme for a national public-transport service, linking the railways with long-distance road haulage.



OFF FOR ENGLAND—Major General Henry H. Arnold, U.S. Army Air Corps chief, bids good-bye to Mrs. Arnold as he leaves New York on ocean-hopping clipper for England. He's to serve for four weeks as special observer of war.

BLIND V.C. AIDS CIVILIANS

FIVE war-blinded civilians are learning to conquer despair and to make a fresh start in life under the care of Captain Sir Beachcroft Towse, the blind V.C. Sir Beachcroft, now 76, has opened the greater part of his home, Long Meadow, Goring-on-Thames, as a civilian St Dunstan's.

It will be eventually a training centre for between 15 and 20 people who have been blinded in air-raids.

His present charges are four women and one man.

"In one of the early bombings at Portsmouth, the man completely lost the sight of one eye, and has been left with only a glimmer of sight in the other," said Sir Beachcroft.

"Then he was in a second bombing, and was deafened."

"Despite these disabilities, he is remarkably cheerful and is making an excellent job of sawing wood."

"From my own experiences I have learned that the best possible thing for blind people is to give them something to do."

Reunion Soon
There will soon be a reunion at Long Meadow of wife and husband, both blinded in an air raid.

"The wife, who is a mother of two children, is already with us," said Sir Beachcroft, "and her husband, who is still in hospital, will join her as soon as he is convalescent."

Sir Beachcroft, who was blinded in the South African War, has since learned to play golf, to become an expert typist, and to do all kinds of handiwork.

INVASION COMEDY IN FLAT

Crossed 'phone lines, a mystery message, a patriot and the police were involved in an invasion drama in London the other night.

In a Tottenham Court-road flat a 'phone bell tinkled.

"All ready for the invasion?" asked a hoarse voice. "The paratroopers are coming with the stuff. . . . Click."

Somewhere near, a patriotic Briton, also making a 'phone call, heard this on a crossed line. Promptly he warned the police.

Police Called
Squads of strong-arm police swooped on the flat. They beat the "paratroopers" to it by seconds.

The "invaders" carried open umbrellas with beer-cases of it—under their arms. They were late-comers to a party, and their 'phone call was just a joke.

HOOVER PROBLEM

Haldeman-Julius publications, advertising "Little Blue Books," list Herbert Hoover, The Man" under "Social Problems."

Minor Alteration To George Medal Design

Though 32 George Crosses and over 350 George Medals have been awarded, it has not yet been found possible to distribute any of them.

No information is forthcoming as to the reason for the delay, but it is understood that a minor alteration in design is being considered before the King gives his full approval. When that is done the Royal Mint will be able immediately to prepare the dies and carry out its task.

The first awards were made six months ago, and since then lists of fresh recipients have appeared at frequent intervals.

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Tracing Origin Of Baseball

Persians Had A Word For It!

1000-Year-Old "Diamond" Discovered In Arizona

(By "Ball Fan")

Ever since that eventful day when Abner Doubleday, the Ballston Spa N.Y. Civil War hero, set up the first schemes for playing baseball at Cooperstown in 1839, malcontents as well as disgruntled archaeologists, who delight in technicalities and anachronisms, have opened up with a series of "who discovered the game," arguments, to the extreme merriment of modern baseball's fun-loving throngs who sure get a great kick out of hearing these "back to the ancient movement" scientists and others attempting to justify their minute-laden claims.

We are informed that baseball was the national spot of the Persians a good sized con back. They didn't call it baseball but it was commonly known as Chahel-toop, (chahel means game, toop means ball). The Persians' claims of priority were pressed by Prince Amir Hessian Sepchr Ghaffari who was called "Butch" by his schoolmates in America.

"BUTCH" never saw a modern baseball game until he landed in Uncle Sam's democratic land of opportunity, but came to the conclusion, after taking in his first tilt, that the diamond game was similar in many phases, to his beloved Chahel-toop.

In the Persian pastime, the bases are also ninety feet apart with nine players on each side. The ball is made of wool-thread wrapped tightly around a rubber centre and covered with a knitted fabric. Thus for the comparison appears to be favourable to the Persian nobleman's argument. Even the Chahel-toop bat, a short paddle-like contrivance, can be compared to the bat of baseball's early days. The ball is slipped underhand in the manner of baseball's dawning era.

However, the chief difference lies with the Chahel-toop hurler whose aim it is, to toss the ball high up into the air with the batter swinging as the pellet descends. Certainly is no resemblance there to Doubleday's fireball tosses, from the slab. To top everything, Persian Chahel-toop requires no umpire.

ARIZONA archaeologists insist they have discovered not only baseballs but also playing surfaces on various bits of paraphernalia which were supposed to have been utilized by the aborigines for a game resembling baseball at least a thousand years ago.

These "ancient time" discoverers reveal that the first "stoneage" ball field they identified was situated near the Gila Pueblo at Snaketown on the Gila River Indian Reservation in Arizona, in 1935. They found a

packed floor measuring one hundred and eighty-five feet by sixty-five feet. Along each side was a sloping embankment of earth about fifteen feet high.

A rubber ball was found in a pottery jar near the Santa Cruz River in Arizona. The pellet resembled a small boulder, larger than the modern baseball and very fast. Its surface was black, hard and misshapen from the thousand year burial; but even after this long interim, the interior rubber was so good that the apparent "stone" had a great deal of resilience when squeezed.

How the game was played is inferred from early accounts of the Mayans in Southern Mexico where contests were played with a rubber ball on similar courts. There isn't any doubt about the fact that these archaeologists have really discovered the vestiges of stone age athletic activities. But it is beyond all ball fans why anyone should try to persuade a credulous public that this is the origin of baseball. It could just as well be the origin of badminton, ping pong, lawn bowls, or even croquet.

MANY people insist that the English sport called rounders is the senior partner to baseball. They point out that rounders has three bases—so has baseball they claim (generously ignoring home plate). However, recalling the early facts, the American fellows who first played baseball had no bases at all—then only a single base—gradually others were added.

If baseball is a direct adaptation of rounders, why were there not three bases at the beginning. Many state that the American national summer pastime had its first openings via the cricket realm.

The British first encountered what they considered then to be a progeny of their classic game of rounders "way back in 1873. Occasion of the Britishers' introduction to Baseball was a tour of England by eighteen players from America's embryonic major league. Baseball exhibitions were the only activities in the plans of the ball pros, but these failed to stir much enthusiasm, and to tide things over they were glad to accept a chance to try their hand at cricket. The results of their games are now considered international sports history of the past.

Spurring the advice of form and sense expected of them in playing this gentlemen's game, the slugging Americans, in their initial match against the famous Marylebone "All English" eleven, lunged at balls of a type which highly trained cricketers would haughtily neglect, to crash their way through to a 107-105 surprise victory over the "All English" combination. With the exception of a solitary draw the visitors clouted their way to slugging cricket victories over all opposition encountered.

IN 1907, fourteen years after Abner Doubleday's death, a commission, specially appointed by the major leagues investigated all obtainable facts and unanimously declared that baseball had its origin in the United States, and that the first scheme for playing it, according to the best evidence obtainable at the time, was devised by Abner Doubleday at Cooperstown, in New York, in 1839.

A survey of Abner Doubleday's career and accomplishments outside the baseball realm, shows us that he aimed the first gun fired in defence of Fort Sumter in 1861; that he was brevetted Major-General for his services in the Civil War; that in San Francisco he obtained a charter for the first cable street railway in the United States and that he was an expert engineer.

However important these achievements appear to us, the sports-loving public will always remember and laud Abner Doubleday as the man who created a national athletic game called baseball.

Major Baseball

Tigers Humble Cleveland Indians 5-3

NEW YORK, May 26 (UP).—Detroit Tigers humbled Cleveland Indians 5-3 to-day in the only game scheduled in the American Baseball League. In the National, Brooklyn Dodgers defeated Philadelphia Phillies 6-4.

Scores were:

AMERICAN LEAGUE				
	R.	H.	E.	
Detroit	5	10	3	0
Cleveland	3	8	0	0
Batteries: Newsom, Thomas, Tebbetts.				
Batteries: Smith, Heving, Henkel.				
NATIONAL LEAGUE				
	R.	H.	E.	
Philadelphia	6	10	3	0
Brooklyn	3	8	0	0
Batteries: Fitzsimmons, Higbe, Phelps.				
Batteries: Owen, Erickson, Pressnell.				
St. Louis	12	14	0	0
Batteries: Shoun, Wanneke, M. Cooper.				
Mancuso.				

The Pittsburgh-Cincinnati fixture in a night game.

Whitsun Home Soccer Programme

WAR CUP FINAL REPLAY
Preston v. Arsenal.

LONDON CUP SEMI-FINALS
Reading v. Crystal Palace; Tottenham v. Brentford.

SOUTH REGIONAL
Aldershot v. Tipton; Millwall v. Fulham; Cardiff v. Wolverhampton; Leicester v. Northampton; Queens Park Rangers v. West Ham; Walsall v. West Bromwich Albion.

SOUTH CHALLENGE MATCH
Brighton v. Watford.

NORTH REGIONAL
Blackpool v. Chester; Bolton v. Oldham; Bury v. Manchester City; Liverpool v. Everton.

GLASGOW CHARITY CUP FINAL
Rangers v. Partick.

Whitmonday
SOUTH REGIONAL

Aldershot v. Brentford; Crystal Palace v. Reading; Queens Park Rangers v. Fulham; Leicester v. Nottingham Forest; Portsmouth v. Southampton.

HAMPSHIRE CUP FINAL
West Ham v. Millwall.

NORTH REGIONAL
Everton v. Liverpool; Blackpool v. Preston North End.

REGIONAL
Wrexham v. Stoke.

Manchoukuo Plans To Celebrate Anniversary

HSINKING, May 26 (Domei).—Invitations are being sent by Manchoukuo Sports Authorities to Japan, China, Mongolia, Indo-China, Thailand, the Philippines, Hawaii, Malaya, Burma, India and other Asiatic countries to participate in an East Asia

athletic meet being prepared here for next year in celebration of the 10th anniversary of the founding of the Empire.

The games will include athletic events, football, tennis, softball, basketball, cycling, basketball, volleyball, table-tennis, gymnastics, and other contests as well as swimming events. Organisers of the athletic carnival hope to open the way for Oriental championship contests.

The Manchoukuo Athletic Federation which will be the principal organisers has set aside a budget of Yen 600,000 for pushing preparations for the meet.

Construction of "Olympic Villages" is already under way and is expected to be completed by August, this year. Japanese sports authorities are offering full support and all possible co-operation for the project, while plans are being considered to send a big Japanese team to the Hsinking meet.

Water Police Beat Recreio

A billiards and snooker match took place yesterday at Tsimshatsui when the Water Police Station entertained Recreio and won 703-608.

A. J. Osmund, former Colony billiards champion, playing for the Portuguese, lost to C. Pile by nine.

After the match, Mr. D. Terren gave an exhibition of snooker. Billiards—C. Pile beat A. J. Osmund 150-141; H. Matches lost to P. A. Yanovich 141-150. Snooker—Campbell beat C. Rosa Pereira 97-100; W. Morris lost to E. M. Soares 79-110; L. Haynes beat C. Cunha 100-80; S. Brailson beat J. C. Remedios 110-70.



TONY QUILTS—Portly young man is Two-Ton Tony Galento quitting fight with Buddy Baer in Washington. He claimed broken left hand. Trainer Fraim was suspended for removing glove without referee's permission.

Boxing Commission Probes Baer's Claim to Title

Decision To Be Announced Later

WASHINGTON, May 26 (Reuter).—The District of Columbia Boxing Commission, after hearing Manager Hoffman's complaint that Buddy Baer had been "robbed" of the title match with Joe Louis, have announced that the Commission's decision will be delivered at an early date.

The Chairman of the Commission, Mr. Claude Owen, who said that Louis "very definitely" hit Baer after the bell ending the sixth round, said that Mike Jacobs had agreed to match Louis and Baer again for the title in Washington in September or October.

Mr. Owen expressed on behalf of the D.B.A. that they would recognise Baer as champion if the Commission ruled that he won on a foul, but also indicated that the Commission's hands were tied because of local regulations that specified that the referee's decision was not reversible.

Hockey Competition On Roller Skates

A TRIANGULAR hockey competition on roller skates between the Middlesex Regiment, the Royal Scots and the Kowloon Skating Rink will take place on Thursday at Mongkok.

There are possibilities in the future of there being a roller skates hockey league.

League Tennis

Only One Game Played In "A" Division Indians Beat H.K.C.C.

INDIAN R. C. beat the Hongkong G.O. 5½-3½ in the only "A" Division tennis match yesterday. The Kowloon-Recreio game was postponed owing to Volunteer duties, and the South China-Chinese R.C. match was put off due to the state of the ground.

The Rumsjohn cousins, S.A. and H.D., were the outstanding partnership, winning all three sets, while for the H.K.C.C. M. Pugh and Shields-Goodman took two sets, losing the third.

Scores were: S. A. and H. D. Rumsjohn beat Shields Goodman and M. Pugh 6-3; beat C. H. R. Oxley and A. J. Barwell 6-3; beat T. C. Monaghan and T. Gould 6-3. A. H. Madar and A. R. Minu lost to Goodman and Pugh 2-6; beat Oxley and Barwell 6-2; drew with Monaghan and Gould 6-6.

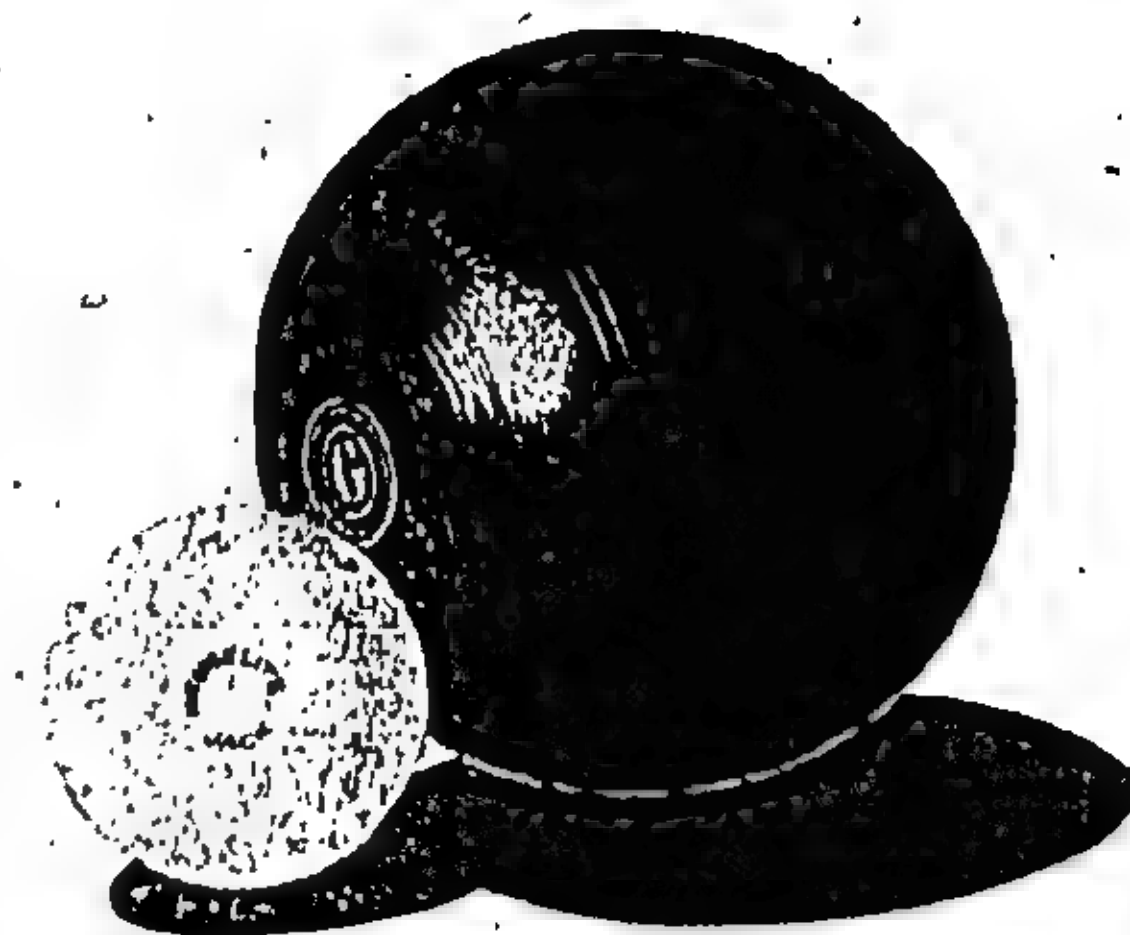
I. M. A. Razack and A. R. Kitchell lost to Goodman and Pugh 6-6; lost to Oxley and Barwell 2-6; beat Monaghan and Gould 7-5.

Kowloon C. C. Team

The following will represent Kowloon Cricket Club in the Second Division against Kowloon Tong to-day: A. E. P. Guest and F. Groser; F. Zimmerman and R. T. Broadbridge; J. Kengelbacher and N. A. E. Mackay.

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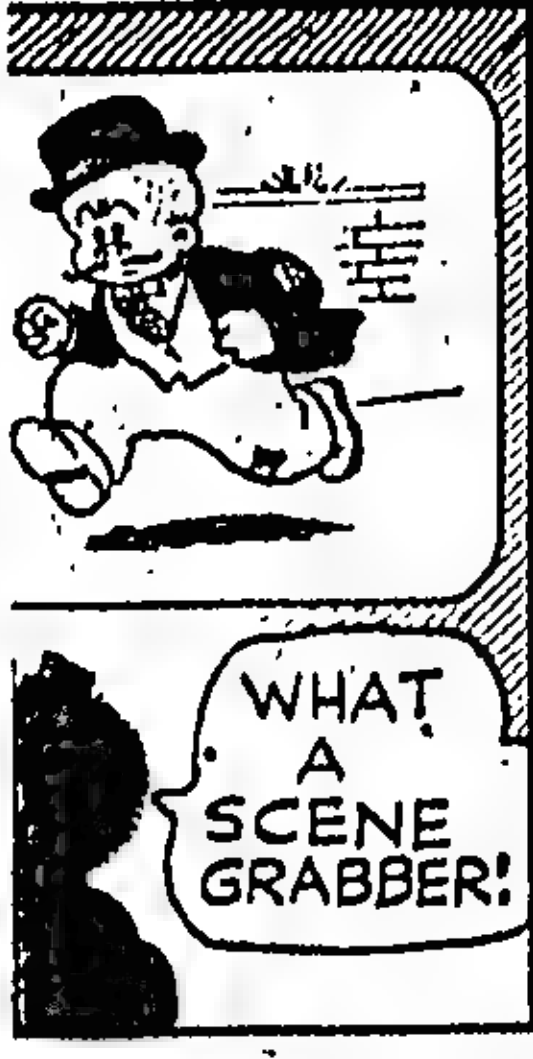
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NANCY



By Ernie Bushmiller

"Queen's Messengers" Are Food Convoys For Blitz Sufferers

The Queen recently inspected in the courtyard of Buckingham Palace the first two convoys of a fleet of vehicles which will take provisions to bombed areas. Eight vehicles of these "flying squads" which she inspected were her personal gift, and the other ten were given by the British War Relief Society of America.

The Queen needed to the suggestion of Lord Woolton, Minister of Food, that the convoys should be called "The Queen's Messengers."

"It is a great pleasure to me to inaugurate the mission of good will which this service of food convoys represents," her Majesty said. "They will serve, I trust, as a symbol of that fellowship which unites all of us who share a common danger to-day."

"I am glad to think that they should be called 'The Queen's Messengers' and that they should go forth on their various ways bearing my name."

Instant Relief

"It is my hope that they will have a double value—they will not only provide what is sorely needed, but they will bring it to the instant and will bridge the gap between destruction and swift reconstruction."

"The convoys which I have seen this morning form part only of a much larger fleet, and many of these have been provided by the generosity of the British War Relief Society of America."

"By coming forward to supplement the scale of the venture as it was first planned our friends in the United States of America have immensely enlarged its usefulness and to those kind people who have made our cause their own I would express a very real gratitude."

"The message which I would entrust to these convoys will not be one of encouragement, for courage is never lacking to the people of this country. It will rather be one of love sympathy and of loving kindness. It is with that message that I wish them Godspeed as they set out on their pilgrimage to-day."

W.V.S. Crews

The Queen afterwards talked to members of the Women's Voluntary Service who formed the crews.

Within a month 10 convoys were put in service.

A convoy includes a water carrier, two kitchen lorries capable of providing 2,000 meals an hour, two food store lorries carrying sufficient tea, bread, sugar, margarine and soap to provide meals for 4,500 people, and three mobile canteens holding enough to feed 500 people.

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Britain's Children Learn Country Life

By WILLIAM R. DOWNS
United Press Staff Correspondent

LONDON, May 26 (UP).—"Dead End" kids from the city to-day are learning to milk cows, and beribboned little girls from Bristol, London and Manchester are finding out from whence eggs come.

Mr Harold Ramsbotham, President of the Board of Education, said that the 600,000 school children removed from city danger areas to "barnyard" evacuee schools in the country now have greater practical education facilities than they ever had before.

"I dare say some folk have conjured up pictures of schooling abandoned and children largely left uncared for and running wild," Ramsbotham said. "I am glad to say, however, that such a picture has no relation to the actual position."

He admitted that the task had been a difficult one, but said his department had handled satisfactorily two great migrations of school children within a year. The first was in September 1939, and the second in September 1940.

Besides the 600,000 children already in evacuee schools, there are another 1,000,000 still in potentially dangerous areas who may have to be removed to the country, he said.

Loss of Facilities

Mr Ramsbotham admitted that education facilities had suffered by the most thorough loss of facilities for special work in science, handicraft and related subjects.

"On the other hand they have gained all the stimulus of a new environment and new experiences. The introduction of town children to country life has in itself been an education for them," he said.

He praised the courage of the youngsters. "They certainly are giving the lie to the suggestion that the younger generation is soft."

Mr Ramsbotham told of a nine-year-old boy who snuffed out a fire with an old pair of trousers and of a boy scout, his arms and legs crushed, lying in the wreckage of his home, directing rescuers to other victims in the debris.

Grin and Bear It

"The children seem to have made their motto 'grin and bear it,' he remarked.

"I believe we shall reap the benefit of a better understanding between town and country as a result of this great movement of child population. Thus we can secure the foundations of a greater social unity."

"Moreover, many children from our cities are showing a great liking for country life and may wish to continue it. I constantly get reports of improved health and alertness due to sound sleep, fresh air, good food, and exercise. It is a good life and I believe we have not failed," Mr Ramsbotham said.

They Plump For Nephew Of Churchill

For years sedate persons whispered solemnly about the "goings on" of young Esmond Romilly, nephew of Winston Churchill.

He first came into the limelight when he made a hasty exit from a fashionable English school after editing a paper called "Out of Bounds," which "exposed" the public school system.

Then he shocked the "nice people" by publishing another magazine which he personally hawked around the streets of London.

The nice people were shocked again in 1936, when Esmond went to Spain to fight Franco, who had many appeaser friends in high London circles then.

Famous Chase

After that young Esmond dared to fall in love with Jessica Freeman Mitford, daughter of Lord Redesdale and sister of Lord Epsom.

There was that famous chase through France and Spain by relatives in an endeavour to stop the marriage.

In 1938 Mr and Mrs Romilly lived in London in a furnished bed-sitting-room. Then they emigrated to the United States third class.

A year ago young Esmond was working in a Miami bar. He and Jessica had motored there in a dilapidated car.

The other day, in a huge Malton Air Force training school near Toronto every man was asked to vote on which pupils would make the best officers. They selected three men.

The first was an aircraftman named Esmond Romilly.

War Brings Economic Changes To Europe

By MERRIMAN SMITH

United Press Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, May 26.—Italian housewives' return empty tin cans much like other nationals leave empty bottles for the milkman; Japanese shipbuilders have abandoned steel in favour of wood; new auto tyres are disappearing in Europe. These and other commercial and industrial quirks were reported recently by the Commerce Department as evidence of economic changes resulting from the war.

In addition to new developments abroad for sidestepping shortages of essential materials, there have been reports of several inventions of military importance.

German scientists were reported to be experimenting with a silent aeroplane engine which would enable bombers to approach enemy objectives at night without detection. Berlin claims were cited, reporting "a certain amount of success has already been achieved" with the silent motors and that such motors were used in the Polish campaign.

It is also claimed that several ships in operation in the North Sea have been successfully equipped with them and that the experiments are being made on both gasoline and Diesel engines," the department said.

New Locomotive

German engineers also were reported to have developed a new electric express locomotive capable of hauling eight cars at speeds well over 100 miles per hour.

Britain has urged housewives to use sodium bicarbonate in cooking fruit to conserve sugar supplies. German production of metallic containers has been sharply curtailed because of military needs. Many commodities now come in glass containers.

A metal shortage in Japan has caused the use of wood instead of iron and steel in building small ships for "near-sea" service. Cost of a wooden Japanese ship was reported as being half the cost of a steel vessel of the same dimensions.

In Italy, according to the Commerce Department, housewives give their grocer empty tin cans for each new one when purchasing canned goods.

Motor Tyres

E. G. Holt, leather and rubber expert for the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, said it was virtually impossible now for a private citizen of European countries to get new automobile tyres. He said reports from abroad told of wholesale stoppage of civilian use of automobiles because of military requirements on rubber and gasoline stocks.

Some new tyres are available in Britain, but motorists are urged to have old tyres retreaded.

"The Italian Government has ordered all owners of auto tyres and tubes to report holdings, and has notified the public of the government's right to requisition them for military use at any time. Transfer of privately-owned tyres from one person to another is forbidden."

Ghost Story Stopped During Raid

When George Jenkins, aged seventy-six, gets fastened on to a good ghost story it takes a lot to shake him off.

George, who is very deaf, lived alone in a room behind a Plymouth shop. Every night after black-out, curtains had been drawn he would put on his reading spectacles, draw his armchair up to the oil stove, and read thrillers.

Just as he reached a blood-curdling description of a midnight apparition one night recently, a shadow fell across the page. He started, looked up. Before him were three steel-helmeted men in evening dress.

"Come out of it, quick," shouted one of the men.

George was puzzled. "Quick," shouted the men in chorus as they grabbed him by the arms and hustled him outside seconds before the ceiling of his room caved in.

Bewildered

George looked around, bewildered. A building was burning. Everywhere shops and houses were in ruins.

His own shop front had been shattered.

"A heavy bomb had crashed about forty yards away."

"I thought I felt something shake my chair," said George. "Just when the fellow in the haunted castle heard the dungeon door bang."

Secret Drug Will Reduce Operations

A new British drug to arrest bleeding, which is now being tried out, is expected to save thousands of lives and eliminate the necessity for many types of operations.

The new drug is manufactured and demonstrated in tablet form. It is the result of long research by a firm of manufacturing chemists.

For some months now it has been tested out secretly at the Royal Samaritan Hospital for Women in Glasgow, and the result of these tests is shortly to be announced to the medical profession.

Successes

Dr John Hewitt, senior surgeon at the hospital, is to embody the result in a paper he is preparing.

Until this paper has been published, the hospital insists on strict secrecy about details of the new method.

It is known, however, that it has proved valuable in many cases.

Necklace Would Not Come Off

Last autumn when Lily Pons arrived in San Francisco for her opera season, she found herself without sufficient jewelry to dress one of her roles.

Finding Paul Flato, the New York Jewellers, in town to open a California branch, she appealed to him; and he delivered a \$250,000 necklace on loan for her evening performance.

Arriving back at his hotel at 2 a.m., Mr Flato found a hastily scribbled note in his box, "Lily cannot from your necklace get out."

He tried to contact her but her phone had been cut off. As he had to leave on the dawn plane for Los Angeles, Mr Flato's necklace adorned Miss Pons for the next 16 hours.

Late that evening Andre Kostantantz arrived by air from Hollywood armed with directions from his friend, Mr Flato, on how to unlock the double clasp.



STRIKE BEATING—Besides clubs, knives and bricks used in riot scenes at the Ford River Rouge plant, Dearborn, Mich., in battles between CIO strikers and workers, hard fists were employed. Striker and worker mix it up.

ARMY'S WORK IN LONDON RAIDS

How the Army has helped London since heavy air attacks developed was described recently by Lt-Gen. Sir Bertram Ferguson-Brooke, G.O.C. London District.

On Oct. 11, within a fortnight of Sir Warren Fisher's appointment as Special Commissioner, a force of pioneers and engineers had been put at his disposal, and in November the force was doubled.

Army transport and heavy plant, such as excavators and cranes, were lent. Soldiers worked alongside civilians fighting fires, in rescue and demolition work and in clearing roads.

Delayed action bombs were dealt with by the military, but it was the Regional Commissioner who decided which were the priority jobs. There were R.E. officers attached to each civil group for guidance.

Permanent liaison was established between London District headquarters and the office of the Regional Commissioner, to which three officers were posted.

Home Guards' Aid

The Home Guard had men every night at divisional and sub-divisional police stations. Since November the local A.R.P. authority could ask for the help of Home Guards if necessary or appeal to the local Home Guard commander for still more help.

Foot-Guards sent out fire picquets on every raid night. Troops had been at the docks fighting fires. Recruits from the Guards depot had worked for a fortnight in South London.

It was an order for every military unit that the civil power might apply for their help.

Sir Bertram said it was their boast that no appeal for aid had been refused. In recovering from the raids London owed a lot to the Army.

But the way London had taken the bombing had been a great help to him and his forces, and it gave assurance that whatever may come, London's arms have nothing to fear in that regard.

Skill Test For Car Drivers

It is not everyone who can dance the rhumba and it's not everyone who can drive an automobile either. Mayor LaGuardia of New York recently told the state vehicle examiners.

He was urging them to be careful whom they certified, and expressed the hope that some day a motorist would be given a period of training, just like an air pilot, before taking to the streets.

DEANNA DURBIN'S WEDDING

Deanna Durbin, radiantly lovely in an ivory duchess satin gown, murmured a scarcely audible "I do" when she became the bride of 25-year-old Vaughn Paul in Hollywood on April 18.

Several thousand fans of the golden-voiced movie songstress milled about outside the swank Wilshire Methodist Episcopal Church, while inside 900 guests witnessed Hollywood's first big church wedding in nearly four years.

Nineteen-year-old Deanna obviously was nervous as she walked down the aisle on the arm of her father, James Durbin. Paul, young studio executive, replied "I do" in a clear voice to the Rev Dr Willis Martin's "Do you take this woman."

Secret Honeymoon

After a reception in Beverly Wilshire Hotel, Mr and Mrs Paul left by automobile for a wedding trip. Their destination was their secret. While she waited for the first notes of Mendelssohn's Wedding March, she cautioned her bridesmaids, "walk slowly—and smile."

Deanna's invitation went only to close friends and to fellow workers—from stars to wardrobe attendants—at her Universal Studio.

Notable Guests

Among name guests were Mr and Mrs Charles Boyer, Edgar Bergen, Eddie Cantor, Marlene Dietrich, Melvyn Douglas, Kay Francis, Margaret Sullivan, Adolph Menjou, Basil Rathbone and Franchot Tone.

Paul's gift to his bride was a diamond pin. The studio gave them a silver service for 12.

Baby Born On Edge Of Bomb Crater

A WOMAN was about to have a baby in the maternity ward of a Plymouth hospital during a recent raid when heavy bombs crashed on the building. She was flung from her bed. When the dust and smoke had cleared they saw her lying in the debris on the edge of a bomb crater.

Nurses and doctors, some of them injured, ran to her. Though bombs were still raining down and buildings ablaze, they calmly went on attending to the mother.

Ten minutes later the baby was born—and he and his mother are now doing well.

Mothers, babies and nurses were killed in the ward. A direct hit on the children's ward killed a number of little patients.

Heavy bombs fell outside two women's wards and blew in the walls. No one was injured.

Heroic Nurses

All through the raid nurses and doctors worked heroically dressing and operating on injured patients. "The nurses were magnificent," said the medical superintendent.

himself a casualty. "Several of them were injured, but they just wouldn't give up."

It was the third time the hospital had been bombed. It is now being evacuated.

As policemen carried out the bodies of small children killed outright, men and women who had been on raid duty all night could not keep back their tears.

Lasted Long

Many thousands of incendiaries, followed almost at once by showers of high explosives, were dropped. The raid lasted several hours.

Three churches were destroyed by fire and a second hospital damaged.

A cinema crowded with people was not alight, but the fire on the roof was quickly extinguished.

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De Valera's "No" To Conscription

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made and ratified by that nation's Parliament, which removed every other outstanding quarrel and left only partition.

It was confident that with the good relations which have been established, that partition would also soon disappear. Unfortunately, war came and found us with the foundations of a lasting friendship still incomplete, and with the grievance of partition still rankling in every Irish heart.

Friendly Neutrality
Mr. de Valera concluded: "We proclaimed our neutrality. It was a friendly neutrality. We refrained from doing anything that might be regarded as hostile. We pledged ourselves that we would not permit our territory to be used as a base for enemy action against Great Britain. And the forces that we have are our guarantee that we will keep that pledge."

"If the British Government goes ahead with conscription in the six counties, they will undo the work and goodwill of the past and the people of the two islands will be thrown back again into the old unhappy relations."

Mr Cosgrave
Mr Cosgrave, Leader of the Opposition, said: "It is vital that at this time no question of misunderstanding between us and Great Britain should be allowed to revive an old enemy which everyone in this House fervently hopes has been for ever ended."

Mr Cosgrave added that the present situation was so exceedingly dangerous that if not properly handled, it might involve not merely the future welfare but the very existence of the state.

The unfavourable reactions of conscription were difficult to calculate, but they undoubtedly would be great. He was convinced that the result that might inevitably ensue in other parts of Ireland and elsewhere would far outweigh any advantage to Great Britain.

Taking Best Steps
"We should ask ourselves, however, whether we are taking steps best calculated to ward off conscription from the north and secure a future that would be tolerable either for those in the north or for us."

The Labour Leader, Mr. Norton, supported the protest against conscription.

Mr. John Maffey, the United Kingdom representative, was in the Distinguished Strangers' Gallery and also Mr. E. J. Garland, Acting Canadian High Commissioner.

Protest Meetings
BELFAST, May 26 (Reuter).—Mr. J. M. Andrews, the Northern Ireland Prime Minister, who left London on Sunday, is expected to make a statement shortly on the outcome of his talks and this will probably coincide with a statement in Parliament by Mr. Churchill.

During the week-end, there were numerous protest meetings in Northern Ireland and to-day the Irish Parliamentary Labour Party sent a telegram to the Labour members of the British Government, saying that there was grave resentment at the threat to impose conscription and that bitterness and strife would be the only result.

They urged the British Labour representatives to use their influence to prevent this "act of aggression."

Passionate Plea By Menzies

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crisis of our history when one turn of the wheel might extinguish us for ever." In a reference to the United States, Mr. Menzies said, "I believe we won't look to America in vain. The people are ready to follow Mr. Roosevelt but for the next six months we must rely on ourselves. Australia must vastly increase her war production and abandon non-essential production and consumption. I passionately beg you to follow the example of Britain."

Bombing of Britain
Speaking of the bombing of Britain, Mr. Menzies said that no account he had ever read of bombing before going to England could possibly do justice to the magnificent people of the Mother Country. The war was producing a new order of chivalry whose knights were found in the back streets and lanes of Britain.

"In these people burns the finest flame of courage the world has ever seen. I returned a burning enthusiast on the subject of what women are doing for Great Britain."

Roosevelt Revising Momentous Speech

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ing him about other Berlin dispatches before Mr. Roosevelt talks.

Consulted On Speech
NEW YORK, May 26 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt is devoting more time to the preparation of to-morrow night's "fireside talk" than any speech he could recall, Mr. Early told reporters.

Among those whom Mr. Roosevelt consulted on drafting the speech was Mr. Robert Sherwood, the playwright, who assisted with other important pronouncements.

The address which will be broadcast internationally will be translated into probably at least six languages.

Mr. Early did not intimate the specific nature of the address nor identify what particular phases of international developments had prompted Mr. Early to warn reporters against "building up the speech."



CATHEDRAL RUINS—This is how St. David's Roman Catholic Cathedral looked in Cardiff, Wales, after Hitler's air raiders had passed over city. High altar is wrecked but Blessed Sacrament was saved.

Britain Ready To-day Is Experts' Verdict

The high officers of all the fighting Services who form, with certain civilian and technical authorities, the Expert Committee on Invasion, have decided, after most exhaustive inquiry, that Britain is ready.

This committee had access to all the information available on German preparations to invade the country. It also had the benefit of watching what could be done by an invasion force composed of part of the British Army acting as "invaders" opposed to another British force acting as defenders.

In this large-scale operation, which took place recently, every known theory of invasion strategy was tried out.

Every known theory of defensive tactics was put into operation against it.

The programme of these operations was most carefully prepared on a progressive scale over a period of months.

As soon as it was drawn up, the whole of the land sea and air forces in or around Britain started on it. It meant scrapping all their previous training and beginning all over again.

Re-Training
The re-training began last October with the man himself. He was trained as an individual to do everything that could fall to the lot of the soldier until he could do it perfectly.

From section and platoon work in cutting roads, occupying strategic points and making use of natural cover, the training proceeded to companies, battalions, brigades, corps and armies, together with all their motorised and mechanised columns.

That is why the Army could not spare men for all the many jobs connected with air raids, transport of food for civilians and farm work.

It is because this training has now been completed to the satisfaction of the Expert Committee on Invasion that the committee was recently able to report to Mr. Churchill, "We are ready."

Politics In Kenya Killing

NAIROBI, May 26 (Reuter).—The trial of Sir Delves Broughton on a charge of murdering Lord Erroll opened to-day before the Chief Justice of Kenya.

Lord Erroll was found shot dead in a car outside Nairobi on January 24. Towards the end of to-day's hearing, a Police witness said that he had found Fascist literature in Lord Erroll's house and a card dated 1934, showing membership of the British Fascist Union.

A Ladies' Man

A Police witness said that Lord Erroll was Assistant Military Secretary soon after war broke out, but it was not part of his duty to deal with orders for the internment of Italians. Witness agreed that Lord Erroll was a successful "ladies' man."

Counsel asked: "Is there anything in this crime which precludes the possibility of its being the work of two or more persons?"

Witness replied "No."

Counsel: One of these might have been a woman?

Witness: Yes.

PROTECTION FOR U.S. SHIPS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
WASHINGTON, May 26 (UP).—The Secretary of the Treasury, Colonel Frank Knox, has asked Congress for legislation granting naval commanders authority to take "whatever steps they may deem necessary" in United States territorial waters for the "proper protection of naval forces."

The existing law vests such authority only in the Secretary of the Navy and the Chief of Naval Operations.

Malaya A Guarantee Of Peace

LONDON, May 26 (Reuter).

The High Command of the British Imperial forces look upon the Malayan garrison as the best insurance of peace in the Far East, declared Major-General A. E. Percival, General Officer Commanding, Malaya, in an interview to-day.

General Percival disclosed that the garrison stretches from the northern frontier of Malaya to Borneo and explained that the neovadromes which extended to the frontier of China must be protected by land forces.

The past policy, he added, of having a large number of aerodromes had proved a wise one. This further increased the manifold difficulties of establishing hostile air superiority which, in any case, was difficult of achievement owing to the distances involved.

British Press Slowly Forward In Iraq

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to leave their posts on or before the same date.

Future Representation
LONDON, May 26 (Reuter).—The French Consul-General will be leaving the country on Wednesday. It has not yet been settled who will in future represent French interests in Palestine.

Minister's Statement
VICHY, May 26 (Reuter).—The Air Minister, General Bergeret, has just returned from a visit to Syria. He stated in a broadcast that there was "no unrest or disunity in Colonial France."

He denounced the celebrated Colonel Collet—the almost legendary leader of the Circassian regiments—an officer formerly renowned and henceforth a traitor" thought without naming him.

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Shortage In H.G. Battle Dress
An acute shortage of "battle dress, Home Guard, for the use of O.S." is giving the War Office one of its biggest headaches.

The authorities are having to take special measures to equip outsize Home Guards with outsize uniforms. They have found that normal battle-dress fits only the streamlined youth of the Army.

Home Guards with "middle age spreads" can now have uniforms "let out" to measure.

Gracie Fields Does Her Bit
Gracie Fields has raised £238,000 for British war charities during her tour of Canada and the United States, according to a cable to the Sunday Dispatch from Montreal.

Of the total amount, £300,000 was raised in Canada, the remainder in the United States.

Bombs Brought Art Treasure To Light
The bombing of Coventry Cathedral has revealed an art treasure which had been hidden for more than four hundred years.

It is a mural painting of the Madonna holding the Child Christ, with David in the background. The Provost of Coventry (the Rev. R. Howard) thinks the painting was wall-painted during alterations in 1500. Now it is to be moved to safety.

Entire Output For Britain
An order to deliver its entire output of magnesium to Britain was given to the Dow Chemical Company recently by Mr. Edward Stettinius, head of the United States War Resources Board.

This was one of the steps taken to put the Lend-and-Lease machinery into effect.

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RUTHLESS PURSUIT OF BISMARCK AFTER BEING HIT BY TORPEDOES

Experts Warn Against Excessive Optimism Regarding Ship's Fate

Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, May 26 (UP).—The Royal Navy's pursuit of the German battleship Bismarck is continuing ruthlessly as torpedo-bombers of the Fleet Air Arm are making desperate efforts to slow down the fleeing capital ship. They have scored at least two hits in the chase that has now been maintained for more than 60 hours.

The laconic Admiralty communique gave no hint whether the torpedo which hit the Bismarck to-night might have been effective in slowing down the warship, which is believed to be steaming at full speed towards the European coast in a frantic effort to escape a considerable force of the British Navy, seeking revenge for the loss of the Hood.

Berlin Admits That Bismarck Is Again Fighting Big Battle

Special to the "Telegraph"

BERLIN, May 27 (UP).—The German High Command has issued a special communique which admits that the Bismarck is being engaged a second time in a severe battle.

The communique says that the Bismarck (and it is presumed the Tirpitz and the rest of the Nazi squadron which fought the Hood and other British warships) "has been engaged since 9 o'clock last (Monday) night in a severe battle by superior enemy forces."

America To Safeguard Battleships

Learn Lessons Of Hood Encounter

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, May 26 (UP).—Naval experts declared to-day that the United States has taken steps to guard the six projected battle-cruisers against any possibility of disaster such as that which blew up the British battle-cruiser Hood.

They asserted that the destruction of the Hood was no surprise since the navy was long aware of the weakness of the TURN to Back Page, Column 3

This confirms the earlier story received from London to-day in which "Reuter" quoted the "New York Mirror" saying that the Bismarck squadron were engaged in a big battle off Denmark.

New York Report
LONDON, May 26 (Reuter).—The "New York Mirror" reports that a big naval battle is taking place off Denmark between a German squadron and superior British naval forces. It is stated that the German ships include the battle-cruiser Bismarck.

War Weapons Week

LONDON, May 26 (Reuter).—The total amount made during the London "War Weapons Week" is officially announced as £120,10,000, which is an average per head of the population of £21.

Gestapo Activities In U.S. Dramatic Expose

Special to the "Telegraph"

WASHINGTON, May 26 (UP).—Richard Krebs, who, under the name of Jan Valtin, wrote the famous U.S. best-seller "Out of the Night", in which he described his earlier life first as a Communist espionage agent and later as a prisoner of the Nazi Gestapo, to-day told the Dies Committee that the Gestapo was conducting a campaign to "tear up the United States by civil strife", and to undermine its prestige in Latin America.

He stated that Gestapo agents were sent to the United States in the guise of "political refugees," adding that "many were actually ex-political prisoners whose families are kept in Germany as hostages."

They were ordered to file monthly reports to the Gestapo. "If no such reports were arriving or were misleading, their families would be arrested. Thus, it was impossible for

anyone to be released from a concentration camp unless he signed a pledge to serve the Gestapo." He asserted that the agents were instructed to take out final citizenship papers in order to be admitted to jobs in key industries, the merchant marine, the Coastguard and even the Army. Most Nazi espionage is carried out by trained German seamen who are making photographic surveys of ports and defences in strategic areas. He declared that there is "hardly a port in the world" that has not been photographed.

Naval experts stressed the importance of the aerial attack which showed that the fleet is still in contact with the Bismarck, and pointed out that the Bismarck is so heavily armoured that it will probably take six or eight well aimed torpedoes to sink her, and will doubtless require many attacks because of the difficulties of the pilots in swooping near the ship in order to take good aim in the face of the terrific anti-aircraft barrage from the Bismarck.

Experts cautioned against optimism that the Bismarck is doomed and stressed that "too many things can happen in the thousands of miles of sea; since it is not certain how close the British ships are to her now, they might easily lose her in the hours of darkness or if she runs into a fog." They indicated that the chase, so far, has been a "touch and go" all the time as the Bismarck has several times eluded her pursuers temporarily in the mists that are blanketing the many areas of the Atlantic, but thus far the British forces have always found her again.

TRYING TO FRIGHTEN THE U. S.

Caustic Comment By Mr Hull

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, May 26 (UP).—The State Department indicated to-day that Admiral Raeder's warning that Germany would regard United States convoys to Britain as an "act of war" was an attempt to frighten the United States and the other American Republics in a manner reminiscent of the war in which Hitler "softened" the small countries of Europe before seizing them.

At the regular noonday press conference, Mr Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, was asked his reaction to the Raeder interview with the Domei news agency. He stated that the Raeder statement seemed to speak for itself—it seemed to be some sort of a threat to induce the United States and other American nations to refrain from exerting an effort of self-defence until Hitler gets control of the high seas of the world and the other four continents.

He declared that it seemed to be a favourite system for Germany either by threats or persecution, to induce many countries in Europe to refrain from any effort at self-defence until Hitler was ready to seize the fleet.

Specially Significant

Observers deem that Mr Hull's comment was especially significant because his reactions referred to the American nations generally. Mr Hull arrived late at the press conference indicating that he had given

Hit Twice By Torpedoes
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, May 26 (UP).—It is officially announced by the Admiralty that torpedo-bombing craft of the Fleet Air Arm, which have been scouring the North Atlantic seas for the German battleship Bismarck, sighted the warship to-day and attacked her, scoring two direct hits with torpedoes.

The first Admiralty announcement stated that the chase of the Bismarck, the battleship which had sunk H.M.S. Hood in a North Atlantic sea engagement, has been hotly pursued.

"This evening, torpedo bombers of the Fleet Air Arm scored a hit with a torpedo on the Bismarck. The hunt is continuing."

Later, came another Admiralty communique which stated that the torpedo bombers had scored a second hit with a torpedo on the Nazi battleship and that the "hunt continues."

Obstinate Chase
TOKYO, May 26 (UP).—Rear-Admiral Katsumasa Yokisaka, reputed to be the foremost Japanese expert regarding relative foreign navies, and former Captain of the battleship Nagato, characterized as "ill luck," the sinking of the Hood, apparently when the Bismarck was obliged to open fire on account of the Hood's obstinate chasing.

Time for a careful consideration of his remarks. When asked whether or not the Japanese Foreign Office had said anything to Ambassador Grew about United States aid to Britain, Mr Hull replied that he had "no information in that connection."

U.S. May Make New Move Towards Joint Naval Action with Britain

Special to the "Telegraph"

WASHINGTON, May 26 (UP).—The House Naval Affairs Committee to-day reported on a bill to create additional Vice-Admirals, implying the possibility that the United States Fleet may be operated in conjunction with another fleet presumably the British. This was brought out through the Committee raising the question of the relative ranking of United States naval officers with those of other navies on future assignments.

The report said: "The navy foresees the desirability of being able to detail officers with sufficient rank to represent this country effectively from the standpoint of relative rank with other navies. There are a large number of British Vice-Admirals, whereas in the United States Navy Vice-Admiralties have been reserved to three high commands."

Rear Admiral Chester Nimitz reported to the Committee last week that the principal need for legislation was to obtain commanders for "task forces" which might consist of a battleship division, an aircraft wing, a destroyer flotilla or a submarine flotilla.

Roosevelt Will Have World Listening Washington Tensely Awaits Big Speech

Special to the "Telegraph"

WASHINGTON, May 26 (UP).—The Scripps-Howard columnist Mr William Phillip Simms, to-day, stated that the capital is more tense on the eve of the President's speech than in 1917. "Not within the memory of the capital's oldest envoy has a Presidential pronouncement been awaited here or abroad with greater concern than President Roosevelt's fireside chat on Tuesday night," Mr Simms declared.

Passionate Plea By Menzies

Calls For Absolute Unity Of Purpose

SYDNEY, May 26 (Reuter).

—Appealing for unity in Australian politics, Prime Minister Mr Menzies, who has just returned from England and the United States said, "I don't care whether I remain leader, but whoever is leader must be supported by unity of purpose in action and the spirit of the people."

He hoped that his warm personal friendship with the Labour Party leader Mr Curtin might prove a symbol of ultimate all round co-operation of all Parties.

"Parliament must be an instrument of war not of dissension. I was astonished to return from the magnificent unity in England to find Labour members of the War Council in Australia still without executive powers. We must have co-operation of all Parties to face this supreme crisis of our history when one turn of the wheel might extinguish us for ever." In a reference to the United States, Mr Menzies said, "I believe we won't look to America in vain. The people are ready to follow Mr Roosevelt but for the next six months we must rely on ourselves. Australia must vastly increase her war production and abandon non-essential production and consumption. TURN to Back Page, Column 3

Fuel Oil For Thai

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BANGKOK, May 26 (UP).—Reliable sources state that they have been informed that Britain has agreed to sell a great amount of fuel oil to Thailand. It will be brought in two shipments.

The price has not yet been fixed. It is expected that consumers will be allotted 75 per cent of their normal consumption.

Germans Showering Down More Air Troops At Crete

By NED RUSSELL

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, May 26 (UP).—Germans are reported to be showering the elite of their paratroopers and airborne troops on western Crete in a desperate effort to consolidate their penetration of West Crete, where the battle weary New Zealanders are counter-attacking violently.

Informed circles stated that the calibre of the invading troops has been improving steadily during the past few days as the Germans are apparently ignoring the high casualties, and seek to turn the tide of battle decisively in their favour.

Blitzkrieg Fails

Informed quarters are still cautious on speculating upon the ultimate outcome of the Battle of Crete but indicated that they are comforted by the fact that the Germans have failed to achieve a blitzkrieg triumph after seven days of fighting.

They stated that the whole position on the island is still static and indecisive either way. It is presumed that the New Zealanders' counter-attacks against the penetration of West Crete is still raging to-night, as reports are lacking regarding the progress of the battle.

Latest Situation

CAIRO, May 26 (UP).—To-day's General Headquarters communique states that the Germans have penetrated the Imperial troops' positions at West Crete. The New Zealanders have counter-attacked and severe fighting is continuing. The enemy sustained heavy casualties. The situation at Heraklion and Retimo is unchanged.

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Russia May Give More Aid to Axis Powers

By ELEANOR PACKARD

Special to the "Telegraph"

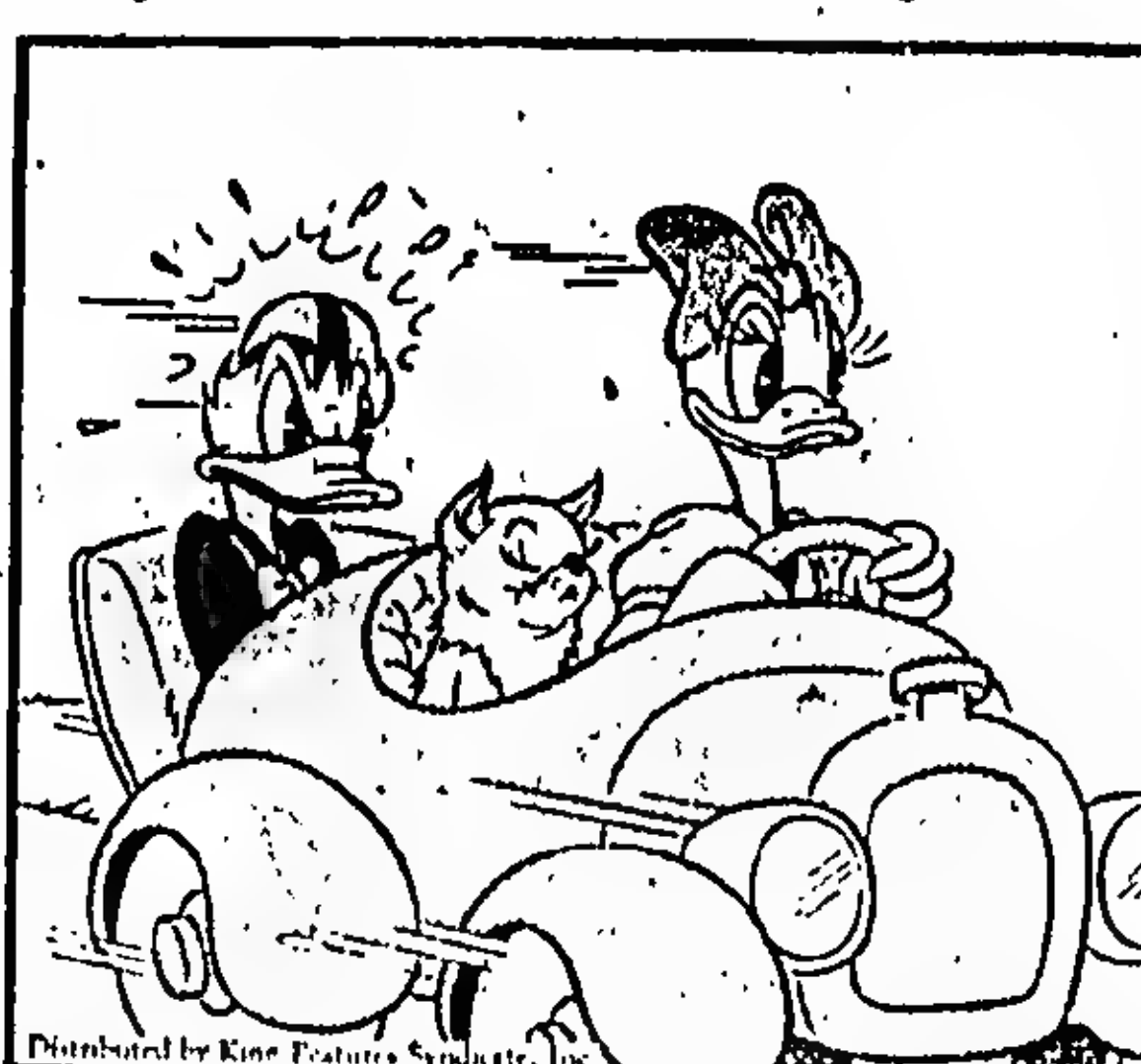
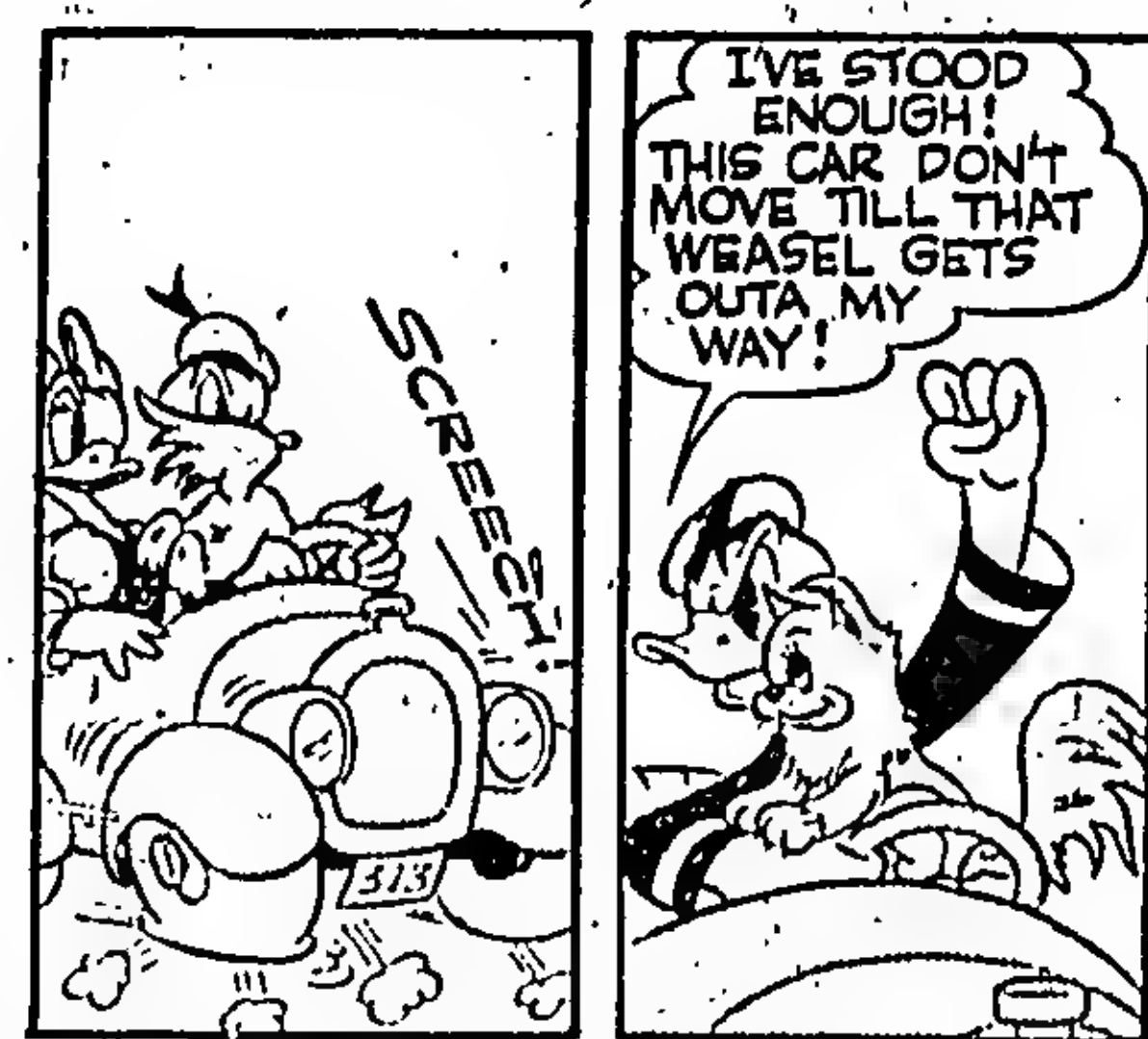
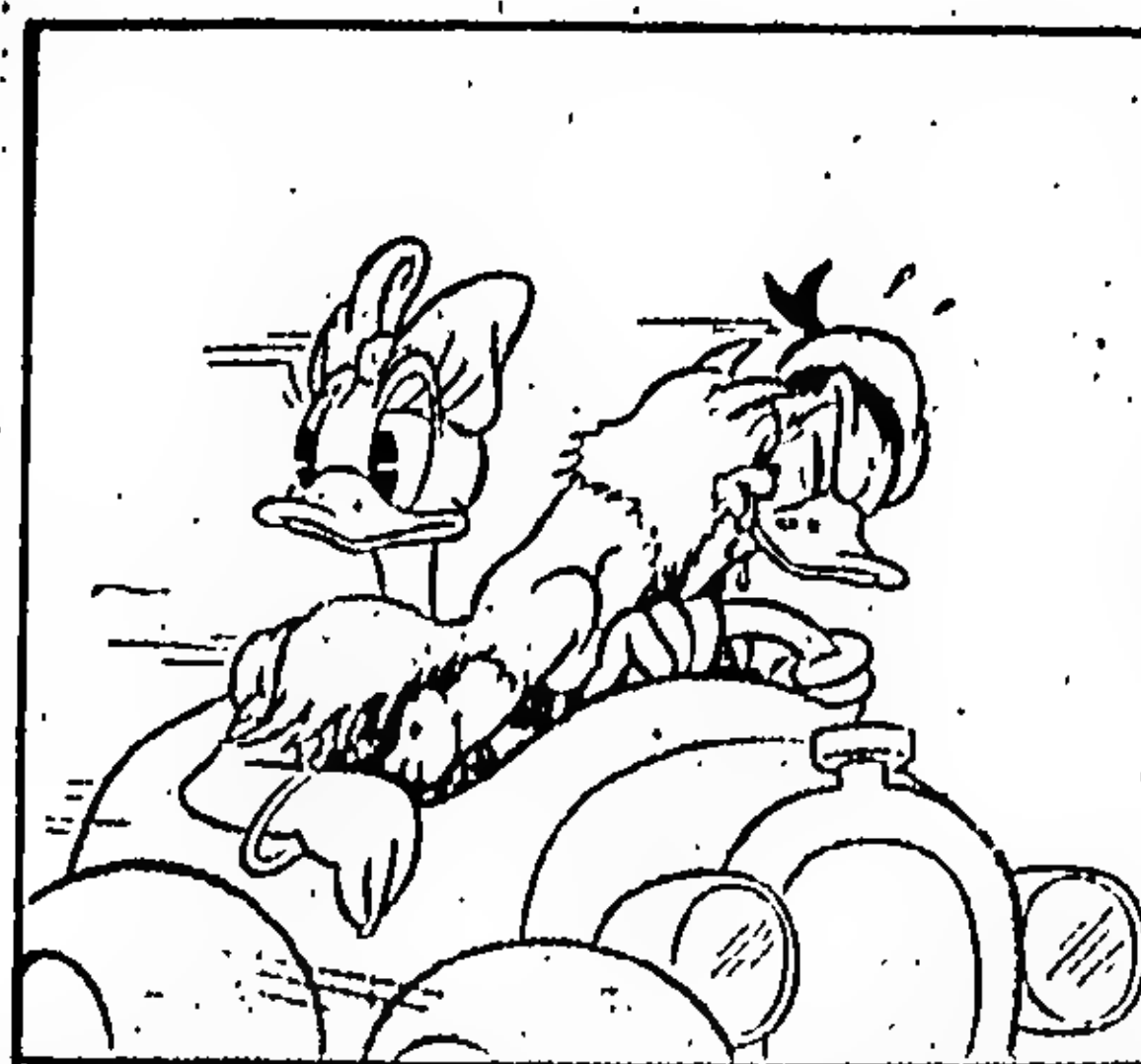
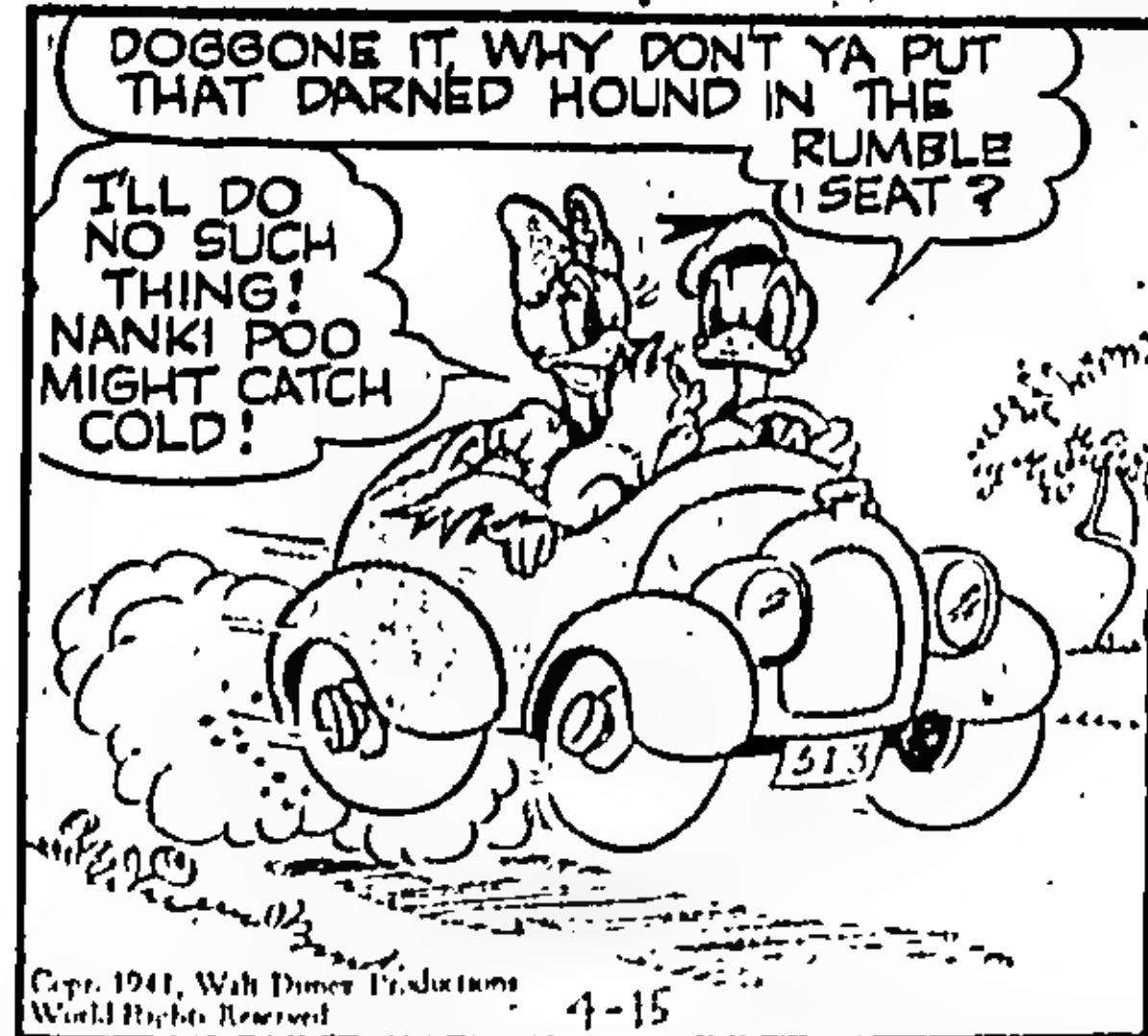
ROME, May 26 (UP).—Closer economic ties between Russia and the Axis, and further Axis aid to Iraq are seen in Rome to be likely to follow the occupation of Crete if and when this is accomplished.

Well informed observers point out that the Axis tactics on Crete resemble the occupation of Greece and the re-occupation of Cirenica, because it is part of the far flung Axis strategy to confine the British Mediterranean fleet to a small corner near the Suez Canal so that it will be not able appreciably to damage Italian shipping in the Eastern and Central Mediterranean.

With Malta considered here to be virtually untenable, Italian ships could be loaded onto Axis ships in the Black Sea harbours and thence carried to the Aegean, the Mediterranean and the Adriatic.

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World's Largest Diamond is Cut

By **PIERRE VILLERE**
 United Press Staff Correspondent

On May 1, the first piece of the Presidente Vargas diamond fell onto the cutting table in the iron-barred office of Harry Winston on Fifth Avenue, New York.

The Vargas, weighing 726.60 carats, is the largest in the world, and the third largest ever found. When it has been cut up, the 23 resultant diamonds will weigh from five to fifty carats each, and will have an aggregate value of \$2,000,000.

At noon on April 9 a phosphor-bronze wheel, its edge charged with diamond dust, began cutting the huge stone. The first piece, the size of a small bon-bon, required 21 days in the cutting.

That initial operation marked the climax of a series of events—the discovery, pursuit, and final purchase of the Vargas—which provides one of the most fabulous and dramatic episodes in the history of a fabulous and dramatic industry.

On the afternoon of August 13, 1938, two brothers, Joaquim and Manoel Evancio, farmers, discovered a dull looking piece of rock in the bed of the Rio San Antonio in Brazil. At first they tossed it back, but Manoel insisted upon a second look. For a moment he saw the rays of the sun pierce the dull exterior, and he knew he was holding a diamond in his hand.

Real Gem
 He took it to a broker in Rio de Janeiro, who, quickly satisfied it was really a diamond, paid the brothers a good-sized fortune for it. He named it the Presidente Vargas, after Brazil's chief executive.

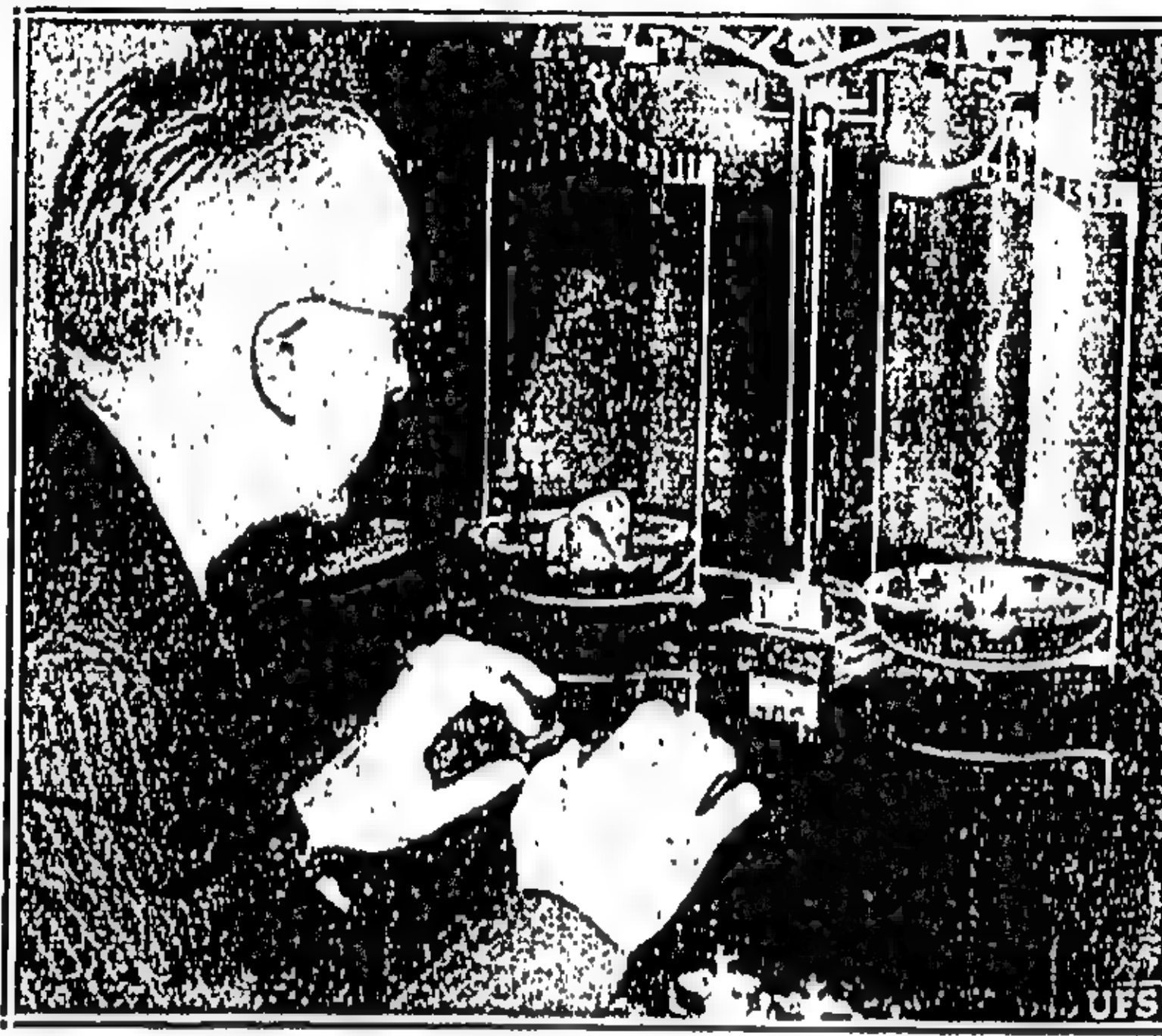
Within a few hours, the wheels of the glamorous industry went into furious action. Dealers from Antwerp, Amsterdam, London, Johannesburg, and New York began converging upon Rio. One of them was Harry Winston. His jump from New York to Rio was only the first move of a race that took him four months and involved more than 20,000 miles of travel.

For in the meantime, the broker had sold the diamond to one Oswaldo Dauter dos Reis for \$400,000 and from him it had passed to the Hollandsche Unie bank of Rio. By the time Winston reached Rio the stone had already been shipped to Amsterdam. After a great deal of negotiations, which included a quick trip back to London and involved the buying up of many options, he won possession of the stone.

Insured For Million
 He insured the stone for a million dollars, and shipped it to the United States, taking no elaborate precautions. It was sent by ordinary registered postage costing exactly 70 cents.

For months the diamond was studied behind the iron gates of the Winston offices. A plaster impression of the original stone was made, and hundreds of glass duplicates cast from it. After much experimentation into the "planes of cleavage," it was decided that the Vargas could be cut into 23 good stones ranging in size from five to fifty carats, the majority being from 10 to 30 carats.

Cutting Procedure
 Most of the world's great diamonds, including the Jonkers, a



CUTTING BIG STONE—The Vargas diamond, largest existing, is weighed in New York preparatory to cutting it into 23 pieces. The gem was discovered in 1938 in Brazil and was named for President Getulio Vargas. It weighs 726.60 carats. About 50 percent vanishes into dust in the cutting.

fraction of a carat smaller than the Vargas and also owned by Winston, first have to be cleaved. This means that after a tiny groove has been made along the grain, a steel rule, placed in the groove, is tapped once with a wooden mallet. The stone either splits exactly in two or shatters into ruinous chips. After studying the Vargas, Winston decided to reverse the procedure. The first piece is being saved off and only then will the stone be cleaved. Adrian Grassely, the ger-

tleman who will do the cleaving, has existed on black coffee and cigars for four weeks. One minute miscalculation could cost his employer hundreds of thousands of dollars.

The entire operations, including cutting, cleaving, girdling, blocking, faceting, and polishing, will require at least 15 months. In the course of that time, nearly half of the stone will vanish into dust, a sacrifice to the brilliancy and beauty of the finished pieces.

BILLY BROWN

BY WILLIAM DOWNS
 United Press Staff Correspondent

BILLY BROWN of London Town is the city's wisest and most prudent person. To-day and every day you can read of this British John Q. Citizen on any subway or bus.

This perfect Londoner is a little man always dressed in a bowler, dark striped trousers, stiff collar, black business coat and armed with an umbrella. Millions of London workers know him as well or better than they know their next door neighbour.

They know that he always carries his gasmask, that he stands patiently in queues, that he is extremely careful in the black-out, that he always carries something white so he can be seen by motorists in the darkness and that he lets his employees go home from work so they won't jam black-out traffic.

BROWN'S FAME is due to the combined efforts of a poet named Richard Osborne, a cartoonist, David Langdon, and the London Passenger Transport Board. Osborne and Langdon created the mythical Billy Brown as the central character of a series of goodwill advertisements designed to aid bus and subway passengers travelling about war-time London. Here's an example:

When Billy Brown goes out at night
 He wears or carries something white.
 When Mrs Brown is in the black-out
 She likes to wear her old white mack out.
 And Solly Brown straps round her shoulder
 A natty plain white gas-mask holder.
 The Browns want people near and far
 To know exactly where they are.

LANGDON DEPICTED THE ENTIRE BROWN FAMILY walking joyfully through the black-out with all their white on. Government officials have com-

mented on the London Transport campaigns' lighthearted public safety value.

To those used to push, shove and off-limbo methods of boarding buses, street cars and subways, it seems queuing is a favourite downtown sport among Londoners. Get five of them together on any street and they appear automatically to form a line. Here's how Osborne and Langdon attacked the situation:

Billy's standing in a queue. As we all must sometimes do. Queuing in these days of rush means you don't have any crush. And the Seconds saved will lend Extra minutes to journey's end. But, says Billy, see, you choose. The proper one of several queues.

BROWN'S INFINITE WISDOM
 Of black-out life also produced the following ode to night-time traffic.

Down below the station's bright But here outside it's black as night.
 Billy Brown will wait a bit And let his eyes grow used to it. Then he'll scan the road and see Before he crosses, if it's free; Remembering when lights are dim That cars he sees may not see him.
 The London Transport also posted this verified chronicle of Citizen Brown.
 Billy Brown's own Highway code For Black-outs is 'Stay off the Road'.
 He'll never step out and begin To meet a bus that's pulling in. He doesn't wave his torch at night But 'flags' his bus with something white. He never jostles in a queue, But waits and takes his turn. Do you?

AND finally here is Brown on kindness to employees:
 The office says that Billy Brown is far the nicest boss in town. For instance, since the blitz began, He's organized a simple plan Whereby his staff or most of them Are off for home by four p.m. Wish that every boss in town Could do the same as Billy Brown.

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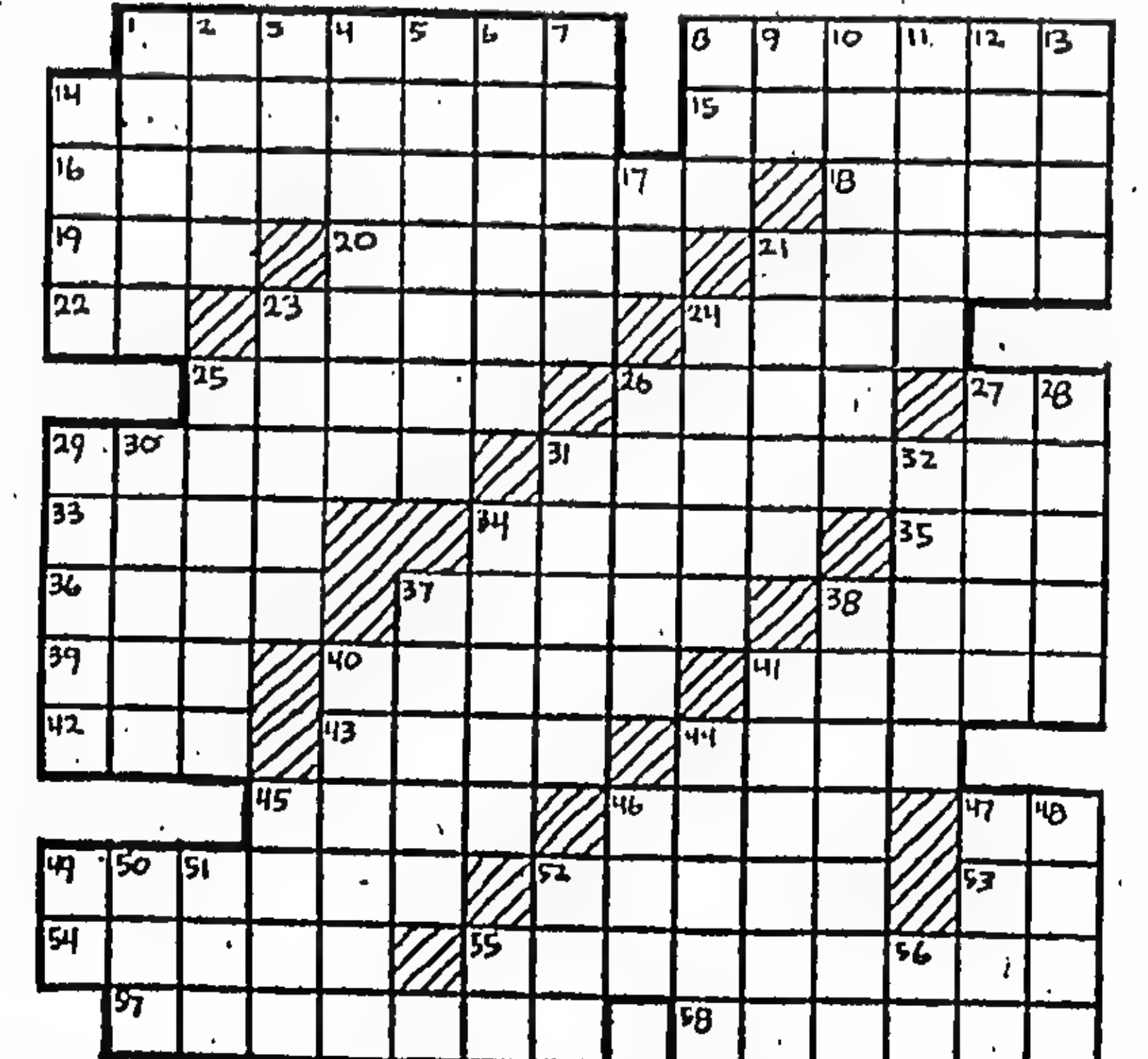
By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS

- 1-Takes into custody
- 8-Sharp ends
- 14-Score for dairy produce
- 19-Shift up within walls
- 18-Matchless
- 20-Entered with urgency
- 19-Two thousand
- 21-Kind of bivalve
- 20-Points of crescent moon
- 22-Plural suffix
- 23-Defame
- 24-Appointment
- 25-Places in China
- 26-Crippling of mare and ass
- 27-Point of compass
- 28-Clattering brightness (opt.)
- 31-Soldier in ranks
- 32-Supreme Being
- 33-Jerk (colloq.)
- 34-Prayer
- 35-Canadianian dame
- 36-Part of eye
- 37-Flies (col)
- 38-Cleaves name for lion
- 39-Unit of length
- 40-Isometric wren
- 41-Perianth leaves
- 42-Nickname for Altona's queen
- 43-Small stream of water
- 44-Drought forth into being
- 45-Permeating to slanting
- 46-Cleaves name for slowness
- 47-Sketching
- 48-Assertion of rights

DOWN

- 1-Referring to river in Turkey
- 2-Trap for controlling birds
- 3-Kite sheep
- 4-Native of Emilia
- 5-Jolly worshipped by Patagonians
- 6-Skilled handicrafts
- 7-Girl's name (cynical)
- 8-Instinct
- 9-Sexual ejaculation
- 10-Attribution
- 11-One who tends sick people
- 12-Unare
- 13-Armholes (Scottish)
- 14-Quote
- 15-Lieutenant (abbr.)
- 16-Makes light as boat
- 17-Legal claims on property
- 18-Bills of sand
- 19-Spanish province
- 20-Masculine being
- 21-Game stewed in wine
- 22-Vergil's hero
- 23-British governmental division of territory
- 24-Wading bird
- 25-One who holds nominal established authority
- 26-Cleave
- 27-Igneous lava bright
- 28-Pour
- 29-Chemical derived from orange oil
- 30-Original
- 31-Chinook vegetable
- 32-Lighter
- 33-Purification
- 34-Combining form: fat
- 35-Watering places
- 36-Sodium chloride
- 37-Crozier of Brazil (abbr.)
- 38-Like (French)
- 39-Tributary of Danube river
- 40-Porto Rico (abbr.)
- 41-One hundred one



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RIGHT from birth on, you can see whether a child is the highly-strung, sensitive type or not. He seems to live more intensely. Everything makes a far deeper impression on him. As he grows up he learns more easily, is quicker in his reactions and makes headway much faster than other children.

But though these qualities give him a better chance in life, they bring with them dangers that have to be watched. Parents need far greater insight in handling such children. Many highly-strung, sensitive children have grown up to be utter failures—weak, nervous, over-sensitive—because their parents did not fully understand certain health warnings during childhood.

These health warnings may start at any age. The child goes off his food, is fussy at meals; he gets pale, puffy under the eyes; you find he tires easily, becomes listless; he sleeps restlessly. All these are serious signs that something is wrong.

It usually means that the child is using up his nervous energy more quickly than he's replacing it. And it is at night, during sleep, that these stores of nervous energy should be replaced. If they are not replaced, the nervous strain on the child gets worse and worse. He's suffering from Night Starvation.

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THE TIME WILL COME

FIGHTING a war on the defensive for any length of time is a gruelling, nerve-racking task. To accomplish it successfully so that eventually, and at the right moment, the initiative can be adopted, calls for infinite patience, unbounded courage, tenacity of purpose, and sublime confidence in a nation's leaders and fighting personnel. More than once these qualities have proved to be the backbone of Britain when she has been most sorely pressed; they are, in fact, inherent characteristics. And never have been more needed than to-day.

Already some people, irritated by the seemingly never-ending defensive tactics employed by the British military chiefs, are suggesting that the time has come when Britain should start a counter-offensive on the Continent, arguing that if it is delayed much longer Hitler may become too solidly implanted for us to do anything more than force a stalemate. But the argument lacks recognition of certain essentials.

Britain's leaders, both military and political, have insisted from the start of the war that its successful conclusion can only be effected through a complete knock-out blow which envisages a large-scale invasion of the French, Belgian and Dutch occupied countries, and a consequent defeat of the German armies on the field of battle. Clearly, however, this cannot be accomplished without the fullest preparations, and the establishment of certain conditions inimical to the Nazis' defences. Firstly, control of the air is vital. Until, and unless, our invading forces can be given the fullest protection from the air, and the same air force can simultaneously harass the enemy's defences with dive-bombing and machine-gunning, invasion of the Continent might well be nothing but suicidal. Britain is gaining the upper hand in aerial warfare over Europe, but she still requires thousands of additional planes before she is able to launch the awaited, and let it be emphasised, inevitable onslaught.

It is true that because of Hitler's successes to date some effects of the British blockade have been nullified, and it is doubtful whether we could actually win the war outright even if the blockade was 100 per cent effective. But it must also be borne in mind that one important effect of winning the Battle of the Atlantic will be to lighten to an extent not yet attained in this war, our blockade of Germany and her occupied territories, and the defeat of the Nazis in the Atlantic may confidently be predicted as a prelude to our counter-offensive by sea, land and air.

Another important point worthy of attention in considering Britain's military situation to-day is that we have displayed, with outstanding achievement, initiative on more than one battlefield. British and Empire forces have wrested Ethiopia from Italy; they destroyed Graziani's army, and are still holding their own against combined Axis forces in North Africa. Initiative has allowed us to retain command in Iraq; has invited Vichy to realise that Syria will not be spared if that country offers aid to the Nazis; and it is initiative that has enabled us to repulse the German invasion of Crete.

WHY WE NEED AN ARMY OF 4,000,000 MEN

By Lieut-General

SIR FREDERICK MAURICE

President of the British Legion

THIS is a war of machines. It will be won in our factories and in the factories of the United States.

Why, then, do we need an army of millions?

The 36's have now been registered, and we are told that more classes are being called up.

Are we starving the factories and the land for the sake of a vast army, which at its greatest strength cannot possibly be half the size of Germany's?

These are statements and questions heard to-day in many quarters, and it is natural that they should be heard.

It is a good many years ago since I wrote that in the next war one of the gravest and most complex problems would be to hold a just balance between the requirements in man-power of the factories and of the Services.

The Government has been reluctant to apply more compulsion than is absolutely necessary.

It has been working more or less on the trial and error method. Mistakes have been made and are being corrected as they arise with more or less success.

On the whole we are doing a great deal better than we did in the last war in the organisation of man-power, which, of course, includes woman-power.

Exaggeration

THERE has been a good deal of exaggeration of the numbers allotted to the Army.

Actually the registrations for service up to date are a little fewer than 3,000,000.

The men of the older classes which have been registered have not yet been called up.

Those who have joined the Services are required to maintain the man-power of the Navy and the R.A.F. as well as the Army.

The Navy needs more men than in the last war, because we are alone now in keeping the sea open. In addition the Navy has to maintain a very large number of minesweepers and small craft to deal with mine-laying and U-boats.

The R.A.F., too, is many times larger than it was at the

corresponding period of the last war.

When the needs of the Navy and Air Force have been met, the Army gets the rest of those not in reserved occupations and, in the case of the older classes, those who have not chosen to go to A.R.P. and fire services.

More System

THE numbers produced by compulsory service in the first 17 months of this war are rather less than the numbers produced by voluntary service in the same period of the last war. But they are much better organised now.

Then, men rushed to the recruiting offices and were accepted with little regard to their qualifications.

Men who should have been trained as leaders, experts, and technicians, men who were wanted in the factories, were killed or injured in the ranks, and those of the latter class who escaped injury had to be combed out of the services and put back into factories when the cry went up for more and more munitions. A very wasteful process.

Now we have a long list of reserved occupations, which keeps the experts and technicians where they are wanted; young men studying science, engineering, medicine, and so forth, are allowed to complete their training so that the supply may be maintained; young men who are likely to be leaders are picked out during their recruit training and sent off to be made into officers.

All this means that there is more system and less waste than there was last time.

Empire Defence

IT is true, however, that the Army gets the bulk of the available man-power.

Why? Because the Army has to do a lot of things.

It has to maintain our foreign garrisons. Running from west to east, we have garrisons in Gibraltar, Malta, Cyprus, Aden, India, Burma, Ceylon, Singapore and Hongkong. That takes a good many men.

The Army is responsible for the ground defence of Palestine, Egypt and the Suez Canal, the Sudan, Kenya and Uganda.

For this troops from home have been strongly reinforced from India and the Dominions.

Wavell's Wait

GENERAL WAVELL, who knows that offence is the best defence, attacked at the first moment he was strong enough. With brilliant results.

The effect of a succession of blows delivered quickly is much greater than the effect of the same blows at intervals.

If Wavell had had enough men and material to enable him to do what the Germans did in 1914, when they besieged Longwy, Namur and Maubeuge without letting up in their pursuit of the British and French armies, if he could have besieged Bardia and Tobruk while simultaneously driving Graziani's field army out of Libya, if he could at the same time have invaded Abyssinia and given the Greeks the help they needed to drive the Italians into the sea, then indeed Italy would have been tottering.

Main Task

BUT the Prime Minister has told us that the General Staff took grave risks in sending Wavell the men and material to enable him to do what he has done. More could not be spared.

WHY? BECAUSE THE MAIN TASK OF THE NAVY, ARMY AND R.A.F. IS STILL HOME DEFENCE.

Mr Churchill has again told us that the menace of invasion is to-day as real as ever.

Our position is very much what it was in March 1918, when the Germans went all out to finish us off before American help became effective.

We may be certain that Hitler will try to do the same.

Defence of Britain

THE defence of our shores requires much more man-power than in 1914-1918.

We have our immense coastline to defend.

The length of the South Coast alone, from Land's End to the North Foreland, is greater than was the whole Western Front.

Every possible landing place in Britain is fortified.

These form our outposts. Behind them are the supports. And behind these again are the reserves ready to pounce if the enemy breaks through.

As lately as June last our Expeditionary Force in France lost the whole of its equipment. The munitions which should have gone to equip and train new formations had to be diverted to re-equipping our front line.

This put the programme back.

As the new levies are equipped and trained, they will take over home defence and the first line will be freed to go overseas to take advantage of such opportunities as the Italian blunders of last November offered us.

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES OF THE SAME KIND WILL COME. BUT UNTIL WE HAVE ENOUGH MEN TO SEIZE THEM WITHOUT RISKING DEFENCE AT HOME IT CANNOT BE MAINTAINED THAT WE HAVE TOO MANY MEN IN THE ARMY.

Opposite Numbers

2 The army chiefs

FIELD-MARSHAL GENERAL WILHELM VON KEITEL, chief of the German Army High Command, is a Prussian. He has given his whole life to the army and has no outside interests.

Keitel looks the typical Prussian officer, but in fact most of the Nazi leaders -- is not a Prussian himself.

It was Keitel who, against the advice of his staff, advised Hitler to attack through Holland and Belgium and at the weakest points of France's defences.

He has always advocated in his long-seated hatred of Britain an attack against the country on land, sea and in the air, and told Hitler it could only be done with submarine and air bases in the Low Countries as well as France.

Best saying: We are ready, my Fuehrer, to smash Britain.

GENERAL SIR JOHN DILL, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, also fifty-eight, tall, lean-faced, an Irishman, with eyes that twinkle very easily, was paid perhaps the greatest tribute by the British Army ever given to a leader.

When he gave up command of the 1st Corps in France to become vice-chief of the Imperial General Staff, just before the German offensive, he had to go at a moment's notice. There was no time for an organised farewell. Yet all the way from Douai to Arras -- more than twenty miles -- the roadside was lined by men under his command.

Quite spontaneously they came to cheer a beloved commander. It was Sir John who had to take the decision, after consulting Mr Winston Churchill and General Wavell, to reinforce the Middle East Army when we were far short of equipment at home. It was typical of his bravery as a leader. He has been one since 1918, when he was made brigadier-general. He was then thirty-six.

Best saying: Efficient preparation wins battles.

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R. A. F. HITS BACK HARD AT CRETE

Accomplishes Grand Work

CAIRO, May 26 (Reuter).—Renewed intervention of British aircraft in the Crete fighting is revealed in to-day's British R.A.F. communique.

"Heavy attacks by bomber and fighter aircraft of the R.A.F. were carried out yesterday and throughout the previous night on enemy positions and aircraft in Crete, particularly successful results being obtained.

"At least 24 enemy aircraft of all types were destroyed and a number of others were badly damaged.

"The aerodrome at Malemi and adjacent fields, which were being used as landing grounds for gliders and troop-carriers, were the principal targets. Bombs fell amongst large concentrations of JU-52 troop-carriers, causing great destruction and damage. One troop-carrier was hit while landing. Another was set on fire while taxiing.

"Fighters set fire to several other enemy aircraft. One transport carrier was shot down into Suda Bay. "Photographs taken during the raids confirm that severe damage has been done to enemy aircraft."

Latest Communique

CAIRO, May 26 (Reuter).—"The Crete situation is much the same with very severe fighting in the Malemi area, where the Germans have landed more men in the last 24 hours.

"It is very difficult to see how it is developing. It is difficult to say how the landings compare with the previous two days, but the enemy has undoubtedly suffered very severe losses of aircraft, while others will soon need overhauling.

"The tide of battle still swings to and fro in the area between Cana and Malemi and around Malemi."

In these words well-informed military circles summed up the latest Crete position.

ABYSSINIA

Strafing The Enemy

CAIRO, May 26 (Reuter).—Referring to Abyssinia, an R.A.F. communique states that aircraft of the South African Air Force attacked enemy defences and motor transport in the neighbourhood of the Omo River.

Direct hits were obtained on bridges and ferries and a number of transport vehicles were destroyed.

Rounding Up Prisoners

CAIRO, May 26 (Reuter).—The steady round-up of prisoners continues in Southern Abyssinia, where it looks as if the Jimma concentration is in for an unpleasant time.

The weather is very bad with heavy rains.

There is still plenty of room for the remaining Italians to manoeuvre but it is doubtful how far they will put up a fight since the original force of 30,000 to 40,000 men a few weeks ago has been steadily melting through desertions and surrenders.

International Tea Committee

LONDON, May 26 (Reuter).—The International Tea Committee have raised the tea quota for the current period of regulation from 90 to 95 per cent, with a view to alleviating the position of the eastern markets, where the Committee think the prices have risen extravagantly.

LIFE IN TOBRUK

Beer Store Hit By A Bomb

CAIRO, May 26 (Reuter).—An interesting picture of life in Tobruk is given by one who recently returned from that besieged fortress.

He says that despite frequent bombings there are many habitable buildings there. Only troops and no civilians are to be seen. There is plenty of food and beer and the troops enjoy swimming.

The most dangerous spots are at the edge of the perimeter and in Tobruk itself where the Germans come bombing and machine-gunning at lunch times and in the evenings.

Vehicles and planes are widely scattered to avoid bombing but they are little molested.

"There was a tragic moment when a beer store was hit by a bomb but not much damage was done and there were scores of willing volunteers for salvage work."

Malaya A Guarantee Of Peace

LONDON, May 26 (Reuter).—The High Command of the British Imperial forces look upon the Malayan garrison as the best insurance of peace in the Far East, declared Major-General A. E. Percival, General Officer Commanding, Malaya, in an interview to-day.

General Percival disclosed that the garrison stretches from the northern frontier of Malaya to Borneo and explained that the aerodromes which extended to the frontiers of China must be protected by land forces.

The past policy, he added, of having a large number of aerodromes had proved a wise one. This further increased the manifold difficulties of establishing hostile air superiority which, in any case, was difficult of achievement owing to the distances involved.

More Contracts Signed

WASHINGTON, May 26 (UP).—The Maritime Commission to-day announced that contracts have been signed for the construction of 123 more new merchant ships to cost \$312,000,000.

Present Food Situation In Europe is Analysed

Special to the "Telegraph"

WASHINGTON, May 26 (UP).—The Department of Agriculture announced to-day that despite shortages in some essential commodities, food supplies in continental Europe were sufficient to maintain the current rationing systems and to prevent serious distress.

Regarding Germany, the announcement stated: "The food problem is not likely in the near future to become critical." War has not yet interfered with agricultural production, due to vast reserves which were accumulated before the war, and also as a result of requisitioning from conquered countries.

The situation in Italy is less favourable because of the army demands and because reserves are less.

De Valera's "No" To Conscription

Special to the "Telegraph"

DUBLIN, May 26 (UP).—In a statement before the Dail, the Premier, Mr Eamon de Valera repudiated the right of Britain to impose conscription on North Ireland. He emphasised that Ireland had pledged itself years before the war began that it would not permit its territory to be used as a base for any enemy attack on Britain. The forces of Ireland are organised to maintain neutrality and are a guarantee that Ireland means to keep her pledge.

He declared that he had called the Dail together in order to make clear representations, not to appear to come from one man or Government or from any party or state, but from all parties of the entire Irish people.

Mr De Valera said that there could be no more grievous attack on the fundamentals of human rights than by forcing an individual to fight for a country to which he objected belonging.

He recalled that he had already once opposed conscription before the war when the proposal to include Ulster was made. Onlookers in the Dail included Sir John Maffey, the United Kingdom representative to Eire.

Conferences

LONDON, May 26 (UP).—Sir Basil Brooke, Ulster Minister of Commerce, who had planned to leave for Ulster this evening has postponed his trip until to-morrow presumably in order to discuss the De Valera statement with members of the British Cabinet.

Mr J. M. Andrews, Prime Minister of Northern Ireland and other members of the Ulster delegation which conferred here regarding conscription left for Ulster last Sunday.

Issue of Partition

LONDON, May 26 (Reuter).—In his speech in the Dail to-day, Mr de Valera revived the issue of partition. He said: "Some three years ago, a settlement with Great Britain was made and ratified by that nation's Parliament, which removed every other outstanding quarrel and left only partition."

"I was confident that with the good relations which have been established, that partition would also soon disappear. Unfortunately, war came and found us with the foundations of a lasting friendship still incomplete and with the prevalence of partition still rankling in every Irish heart."

Friendly Neutrality

Mr de Valera concluded: "We proclaimed our neutrality. It was a friendly neutrality. We refrained from doing anything that might be regarded as hostile. We pledged ourselves that we would not permit our territory to be used as a base for enemy action against Great Britain. And the forces that we have are our pledge that we will keep that pledge."

"If the British Government goes ahead with conscription in the six counties, they will undo the work and goodwill of the past and the people of the two islands will be thrown back again into the old unhappy relations."

Mr Cosgrave

Mr Cosgrave, Leader of the Opposition, said: "It is vital that at this time no question of misunderstanding between us and Great Britain should be allowed to revive an old enmity which everyone in this House fervently hopes has been for ever ended."

Mr Cosgrave added that the present situation was so exceedingly dangerous that if not properly handled, it might involve not merely the future welfare but the very existence of the state.

Politics In Kenya Killing

NAIROBI, May 26 (Reuter).—The trial of Sir Delves Broughton on a charge of murdering Lord Erroll opened to-day before the Chief Justice of Kenya.

Lord Erroll was found shot dead in a car outside Nairobi on January 24. Towards the end of to-day's hearing, a Police witness said that he had found Fascist literature in Lord Erroll's house and a card dated 1934, showing membership of the British Fascist Union.

A Ladies' Man

A Police witness said that Lord Erroll was Assistant Military Secretary soon after war broke out, but it was not part of his duty to deal with orders for the internment of Italians.

Witness agreed that Lord Erroll was a successful "ladies' man."

Counsel asked "Is there anything in this crime which precludes the possibility of its being the work of two or more persons?"

Witness replied "No."

Counsel: One of these might have been a woman?

Witness: Yes.

British Press Slowly Forward In Iraq

CAIRO, May 26 (Reuter).—A British R.A.F. communique reports activity in Iraq. It states: "A large number of sorties was made yesterday against military objectives in Ramadi and several fires were started."

"The aerodrome at Mosul was bombed and a number of aircraft which were machine-gunned on the ground were severely damaged."

"At Baquba, German aircraft on the ground were bombed and machine-gunned, two being set on fire."

"Enemy aircraft attacked the R.A.F. aerodrome at Habbaniyah, but there were no service casualties."

French Leave Palestine

LONDON, May 26 (Reuter).—French Consular officers in Palestine have been requested to leave by May 28, "Reuter" learns in authoritative quarters in London.

The action is understood to be taken by the British authorities in consequence of French action requiring British Consular officers in Syria.

Minister's Statement

VICHY, May 26 (Reuter).—The Air Minister, General Boryeret has just returned from a visit to Syria. He stated in a broadcast that there was "no unrest or disunity in Colonial France."

He denounced the celebrated Colonel Collet—the almost legendary leader of the Circassian regiment—as an "officer formerly renowned and henceforth a traitor" though without naming him.

Johnson Denies Chungking Split

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

HONOLULU, May 26 (UP).—The ex-Ambassador to China, Mr Nelson Johnson, who is en route to Washington prior to assuming his new duties as Minister to Australia is scheduled to leave by Clipper at 2.30 p.m.

He declared that he has absolute faith in China, and he branded reports in American magazines of a civil war between the Eighth Route Army and Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's forces as mere falsehoods.

He highly praised the Chinese Government for its remarkable endurance through four years of war, and expressed his optimism that China will eventually win.

He declared that the Russo-Japanese pact would not affect Russian aid to China, at least visibly. The Chinese have great faith in President Roosevelt as a leader of the democracies.

Mr Johnson will confer with Lieutenant-General Walter C. Short, commander of the Hawaiian Department, this morning.

Battleships Of Britain And Axis

LONDON, May 26 (British Wireless).—While the loss of the Hood must not be minimised, the British Navy has 15 capital ships against the nominal role of 12 available to the Axis fleets.

But of the Axis 12, only eight are now effective, Italy having lost her two 35,000-ton Littorio Class battleships, one at Taranto and the other severely damaged at Matapan. Of her Cavour Class, only two are available at the present time, one having foundered at Taranto and one being damaged.

Of Germany's six capital ships (two of them being the pocket battleships, Lutzow and Admiral Scheer), the Giesenu and Scheerhorst are still in Brest, where they have received considerable attention from the R.A.F.

Of the British battleships, the oldest is the Revenge, completed in 1915, and the newest is "Prince" of Wales, commissioned in 1941.

China Week Campaign

Wu Teh-chen's Thanks

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

CHUNGKING, May 26 (UP).—The Secretary-General of the Kuomintang, General Wu Teh-chen, in a radio speech to America at 9.30 p.m. tonight, expressed thanks for America's China Week campaign, saying: "I need not tell you how much we Chinese appreciate the encouragement and sympathy which the American people, under the brilliant leadership of President Roosevelt, have given us from the very start of our struggle."

"Indeed, every bit of moral encouragement you have given us has strengthened our will to victory; every cent the American people have contributed toward our cause has served to bring that victory one step nearer."

"The United States on many historical occasions has been called upon to defend the cause of liberty, justice and freedom. To-day, it is only natural that we should look towards America when that very cause is once again threatened."

NEWFOUNDLAND CONGRATULATED ON WAR EFFORT

LONDON, May 26 (British Wireless).—Newfoundland, which begins its recruiting week to-day, has received the following message from Mr Winston Churchill:

"The people of Newfoundland, with their long history of hardships surmounted and their profound attachment to the island on which their ancestors founded the oldest British overseas territories, have already made a magnificent contribution to the war."

"The task of oppression and the deadly threat to our civilisation calls for the utmost endeavour from us all and I am glad to learn that still greater efforts are being made in Newfoundland. I wish them every success."

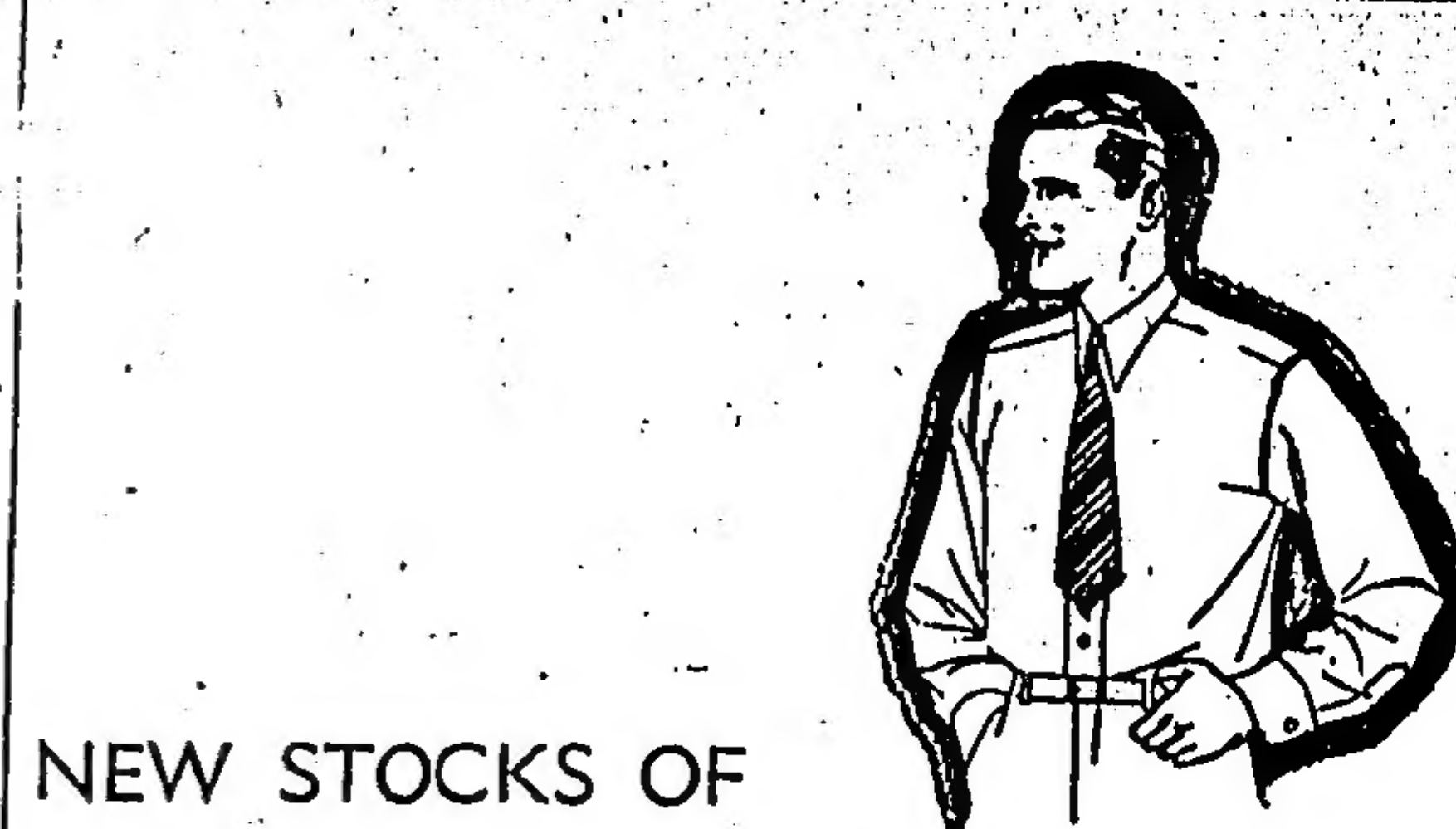
"With this spirit, we shall not fail to achieve the final victory of right and freedom on which our hearts are set."

PROTECTION FOR U.S. SHIPS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, May 26 (UP).—The Secretary of the Treasury, Colonel Frank Knox, has asked Congress for legislation granting naval commanders authority to take "what-over steps they may deem necessary" in United States territorial waters for the "proper protection of naval forces."

The existing law vests such authority only in the Secretary of the Navy and the Chief of Naval Operations.



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Tracing Origin Of Baseball

Persians Had A Word For It!

1000-Year-Old "Diamond" Discovered In Arizona

(By "Ball Fan")

Ever since that eventful day when Abner Doubleday, the Ballston Spa N.Y. Civil War hero, set up the first schemes for playing baseball at Cooperstown in 1839, malcontents as well as disgruntled archaeologists, who delight in technicalities and anachronisms, have opened up with a series of "who discovered the game," arguments, to the extreme merriment of modern baseball's fun-loving throngs who sure get a great kick out of hearing these "back to the ancient movement" scientists and others attempting to justify their minute-laden claims.

We are informed that baseball was the national spot of the Persians a good sized con back. They didn't call it baseball but it was commonly known as Chahel-toop, (chahel means game, toop means ball). The Persians' claims of priority were pressed by Prince Amir Hessian Sepehr Ghaffari who was called "Butch" by his schoolmates in America.

"BUTCH" never saw a modern baseball game until he landed in Uncle Sam's democratic land of opportunity, but came to the conclusion, after taking in his first tilt, that the diamond game was similar in many phases, to his beloved Chahel-toop.

In the Persian pastime, the bases are also ninety feet apart with nine players on each side. The ball is made of wool-thread wrapped tightly around a rubber centre and covered with a knitted fabric. Thus far the comparison appears to be favourable to the Persian noblemen's argument. Even the Chahel-toop, a short paddle-like contrivance, can be compared to the bludgeons of baseball's early days. The ball is tipped underneath in the manner of baseball's dawning era.

However the chief difference lies with the Chahel-toop hurler whose aim it is, to toss the ball high up into the air with the batter swinging as the pellet descends. Certainly is no resemblance there to Doubleday's fireball tosses from the slab. To top everything, Persian Chahel-toop requires no umpires.

ARIZONA archaeologists insist they have discovered not only baseballs but also playing surfaces on various bits of paraphernalia which were supposed to have been utilized by the aborigines for a game resembling baseball at least a thousand years ago.

These "ancient time" discoveries reveal that the first "stoneage" ball field—they identified—was situated near the Gila Pueblo at Snaketown on the Gila River Indian Reservation in Arizona, in 1935. They found a

packed floor measuring one hundred and eighty-five feet by sixty-five feet. Along each side was a sloping embankment of earth about fifteen feet high.

A rubber ball was found in a pottery jar near the Santa Cruz River in Arizona. The pellet resembled a small boulder, larger than the modern baseball and very fast. Its surface was black, hard and misshapen from the thousand year burial; but even after this long interim, the interior rubber was so good that the apparent "stone" had a great deal of resilience when squeezed.

How the game was played is inferred from early accounts of the Mayans in Southern Mexico where contests were played with a glibber ball on similar courts. There isn't any doubt about the fact that these archaeologists have really discovered the vestiges of stone age athletic activities. But it is beyond all ball fans why anyone should try to persuade a credulous public that this is the origin of baseball. It could just as well be the origin of badminton, ping pong, lawn bowls, or even croquet.

MANY people insist that the English sport called rounders is the senior partner to baseball. They point out that rounders has three bases—no has baseball they claim (generously ignoring home plate). However, recalling the early facts, the American fellows who first played baseball had no bases at all—then only a single base—gradually others were added.

If baseball is a direct adaptation of rounders, why were there not three bases at the beginning. Many also state that the American national summer pastime had its first opening in the cricket realm.

The British first encountered what they considered then to be a progeny of their classic game of rounders "way back in 1874. Occasion of the Britishers' introduction to Baseball was a tour of England by eighteen players from America's embryo major ball league. Baseball exhibitions were the only activities in the plans of the ball pros, but these failed to stir much enthusiasm, and to tide things over they were glad to accept a chance to try their hand at cricket. The results of their games are now considered international sports history of the past.

Spurning the advice of form and fitness expected of them in playing this gentlemen's game, the slugging Americans, in their initial match against the famous Marylebone "A" English eleven, lunged at balls of a type which highly trained cricketers would haughtily neglect, to crash their way through to a 107-105 surprise victory over the "All English combination. With the exception of a solitary draw the visitors clouted their way to slugging cricket victories over all opposition encountered.

IN 1907, fourteen years after Abner Doubleday's death, a commission, specially appointed by the major leagues investigated all obtainable facts and unanimously declared that baseball had its origin in the United States, and that the first scheme for playing it, according to the best evidence obtainable at the time, was devised by Abner Doubleday at Cooperstown, in New York, in 1839.

A survey of Abner Doubleday's career and accomplishments outside the baseball realm, shows us that he joined the first gun fired in defence of Fort Sumter in 1861; that he was brevetted Major-General for his services in the Civil War; that in San Francisco he obtained a charter for the first cable street railway in the United States and that he was an expert engineer.

However important these achievements appear to us, the sports-loving public will always remember and laud Abner Doubleday as the man who created a national athletic game called baseball.

Major Baseball

Tigers Humble Cleveland Indians 5-3

NEW YORK, May 26 (UP).—Detroit Tigers humbled Cleveland Indians 5-3 today in the only game scheduled in the American Baseball League. In the National, Brooklyn Dodgers defeated Philadelphia Phillies 6-4.

Scores were:

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Detroit..... 5 R H E
Battery: Newson, Thomas, Tobacka.
Cleveland..... 3 R H E
Battery: Smith, Heving, Hemley.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Philadelphia..... 4 R H E
Battery: Blanton, Hoerst, Crouch.
Warren.
Brooklyn..... 6 R H E
Battery: Fitzsimmons, Higbe, Phelps, Owen.

Chicago..... 11 R H E
Battery: Oisen, Erickson, Pressnell, Posen, George.
St. Louis..... 12 R H E
Battery: Shoun, Warrack, M. Cooper, Maneuso.

The Pittsburgh-Cincinnati fixture is a night game.

Whitsun Home Soccer Programme

WAR CUP FINAL REPLAY

Preston v. Arsenal.

LONDON CUP SEMI-FINALS

Reading v. Crystal Palace; Tottenham v. Brentford.

SOUTH REGIONAL

Aldershot v. Portsmouth; Millwall v. Fulham; Cardiff v. Wolverhampton; Leicester v. Northampton; Queen's Park Rangers v. West Ham; Walsall v. West Bromwich Albion.

SOUTH CHALLENGE MATCH

Brighton v. Watford.

NORTH REGIONAL

Blackpool v. Chester; Bolton v. Oldham; Bury v. Manchester City; Liverpool v. Everton.

GLASGOW CHARITY CUP FINAL

Rangers v. Partick.

Whitmonday

SOUTH REGIONAL

Aldershot v. Brentford; Crystal Palace v. Reading; Queen's Park Rangers v. Fulham; Leicester v. Nottingham Forest; Portsmouth v. Southampton.

HAMPSHIRE CUP FINAL

West Ham v. Millwall.

NORTH REGIONAL

Everton v. Liverpool; Blackpool v. Preston North End.

REGIONAL

Wrexham v. Stoke.

Manchoukuo Plans To Celebrate Anniversary

HSINKING, May 26 (Domei).—Invitations are being sent by Manchoukuo Sports Authorities to Japan, China, Mongolia, Indo-China, Thailand, the Philippines, Hawaii, Malaya, Burma, India and other Asiatic countries to participate in an East Asia

athletic meet being prepared here for next year in celebration of the 10th anniversary of the founding of the Empire.

The games will include athletic events, football, tennis, softball, baseball, cycling, basketball, volleyball, table-tennis, gymnastics, and other contests as well as swimming events. Organisers of the athletic carnival hope to open the way for Oriental championship contests.

The Manchoukuo Athletic Federation which will be the principal organisers has set aside a budget of Yen 600,000 for pushing preparations for the meet.

Construction of "Olympic Villages" is already under way and is expected to be completed by August, this year. Japanese sports authorities are offering full support and all possible co-operation for the project, while plans are being considered to send a big Japanese team to the Hsinking meet.

Water Police Beat Recreio

A billiards and snooker match took place yesterday at Tsimshatsui when the Water Police Station entertained Recreio and won 703-609.

A. J. Omond, former Colony billiards champion, playing for the Portuguese, lost to C. Pile by nine. After the match, Mr. D. Terren gave an exhibition of snooker.

Billiards—C. Pile beat A. J. Omond 100-141; 11. Mitches lost to P. A. Yanovich 141-100.

Snooker—J. Campbell beat C. Roza Pereira 67-60; W. Morris lost to E. M. Sousa 100-89; L. Haynes beat C. Remedios 118-70.



TONY QUITTS—Portly young man is Two-Ton Tony Galento quitting fight with Buddy Baer in Washington. He claimed broken left hand. Trainer Frain was suspended for removing glove without referee's permission.

Boxing Commission Probes Baer's Claim to Title

Decision To Be Announced Later

WASHINGTON, May 26 (Reuter).—The District of Columbia Boxing Commission, after hearing Manager Hoffman's complaint that Buddy Baer had been "robbed" of the title match with Joe Louis, have announced that the Commission's decision will be delivered at an early date.

The Chairman of the Commission, Mr. Claude Owen, who said that Louis "very definitely" hit Baer after the bell ending the sixth round, said that Mike Jacobs had agreed to match Louis and Baer again for the title in Washington in September or October.

Mr. Owen expressed on behalf of the D.B.A. that they would recognise Baer as champion if the Commission ruled that he won on a foul, but also indicated that the Commission's hands were tied because of local regulations that specified that the referee's decision was not reversible.

Hockey Competition On Roller Skates

A TRIANGULAR hockey competition on roller skates between the Middlesex Regiment, the Royal Scots and the Kowloon Skating Rink will take place on Thursday at Mongkok.

There are possibilities in the future of there being a roller skates hockey league.

League Tennis

Only One Game Played In "A" Division

Indians Beat H.K.C.C.

INDIAN R. C. beat the Hongkong C.C. 5-4 3-4 in the only "A" Division tennis match yesterday. The Kowloon-Recreio game was postponed owing to Volunteer duties, and the South China-Chinese R.C. match was put off due to the state of the ground.

The Rumjahn cousins, S.A. and H.D., were the outstanding partnership, winning all three sets, while for the H.K.C.C. M. Pugh and Shields-Goodman took two sets, losing the third.

S.A. and H.D. Rumjahn beat Shields Goodman and M. Pugh 6-2; beat C. H. R. O'Connell and A. H. Darwell 6-3; beat T. C. Monaghan and J. Gould 6-3.

A. H. Madar and A. R. Minu lost to Goodman and Pugh 2-6; beat O'Connell and Darwell 6-4; drew with Monaghan and Gould 6-6.

T. C. A. Haseck and A. R. Kitchell lost to Goodman and Pugh 6-4; lost to O'Connell and Darwell 2-6; beat Monaghan and Gould 7-5.

Kowloon C. C. Team

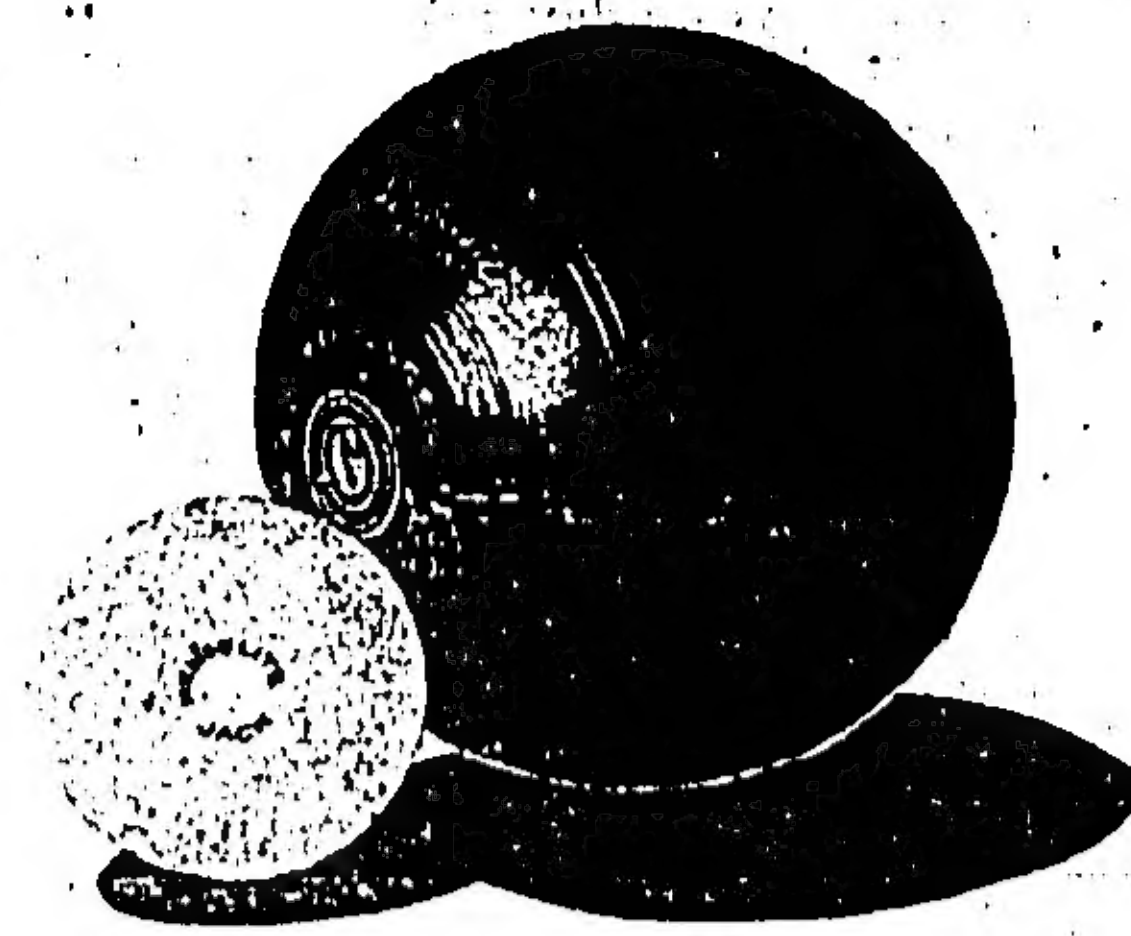
The following will represent Kowloon Cricket Club in the Second Division against Kowloon Tong to-day:

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The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. on the first day and at 11.00 a.m. on the second day.

The tiffin interval will be after the fourth race on the second day.

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No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

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The Secretary's Office, 1st floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27794) will close at 11.45 a.m. on Saturday, and at 9.45 a.m. on Monday.

Tickets are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 21920).

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The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00 per day including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 26th May, 1941.

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By Ernie Bushmiller

Mr Roosevelt Revising His Momentous Speech

WASHINGTON, May 26 (Reuter).—In the light of rapidly-changing conditions abroad, President Roosevelt is revising the speech which he will deliver to-morrow, said the President's Private Secretary, Mr. Stephen Early, at White House to-day.

When President Roosevelt's address was originally scheduled a fortnight ago, Mr. Early warned reporters not to build it up as extremely important. To-day, however, he said: "I can tell you that the President will be engaged through the day into the night and most of to-morrow in revising his speech in the light of the rapidly-changing conditions abroad. Don't ask me to go into details because I cannot. You will get them when you get the speech."

When a reporter informed Mr. Early that the German Foreign Office was not commenting on Admiral Raeder's interview, Mr. Early declared: "I have got an idea that Berlin to-day is trying to do anything it can to belittle the President's speech and anticipate that there will be something for you gentlemen between noon and Tuesday night."

Mr. Early added that he would not be surprised if reporters were querying him about other Berlin dispatches before Mr. Roosevelt talks.

Consulted On Speech
NEW YORK, May 26 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt is devoting more time to the preparation of to-morrow night's "fireside talk" than any speech he could recall, Mr. Early told reporters.

Among those whom Mr. Roosevelt consulted on drafting the speech was Mr. Robert Sherwood, the playwright, who assisted with other important pronouncements.

The address which will be broadcast internationally will be translated into probably at least six languages.

Mr. Early did not intimate the specific nature of the address nor identify what particular phases of international developments had prompted Mr. Early to warn reporters against building up the speech.

European Inspector To Pay Compensation To Hawkers

A European inspector of the Urban Council has been ordered to pay compensation to two hawkers for fruits which he wrongfully seized.

The order was made by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., at Central Magistracy, this morning following an application to this effect by Yip Piu and Chi Yim, who claimed that 123 catfish, valued at \$21 and 120 mangoes, valued at \$21 and \$12.50 respectively, had been seized from them by Sanitary Inspector E. A. Chatter.

Inspector Chatter admitted the seizure but said that only 28 catfish and 75 mangoes were involved. In ordering the inspector to pay a compensation of \$10.50, which in his opinion was the value of the goods seized, to each of the applicants, Mr. Sheldon said: In this case the two men, Yip Piu and Chi Yim, were in possession of certain pears and mangoes. These fruits were in a basket or in a stall.

No Charge Brought
The pears and mangoes were seized by Inspector Chatter, but no charge was brought against either of these two men, and a day after the matter occurred they applied to Mr. Lowry for the return of the fruits which were seized. Mr. Lowry on enquiry made under Section 4 of the Public Health Food Ordinance 1935 found that an application was necessary. Inspector Chatter quite frankly said that he does not dispute that these fruits were in good condition and were not tainted with disease or were unwholesome food for man. Inspector Chatter also says that when the fruits were seized he thought that the two applicants were not in fact the owners of the goods. If they said they were the owners he was not disputing. The position which arises is that the fruits have been wrongfully seized with no legal rights whatsoever, and Inspector Chatter is ordered to pay compensation.

LETTERS

Volunteer Naval Reserve
The Editor,
Hongkong Telegraph.

Sir,—In these days of stress, when money is so badly needed to buy planes, ships, tanks and munitions to turn the tide of war in our favour, why is it that we should support an expensive, and—some say—unnecessary luxury in Hongkong.

I refer to the Hongkong Volunteer Naval Reserve—popularly referred to as the "Wavy Navy".

The Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps, with the exception of a small annual camp pay, does not pay the Volunteers anything for their volunteer duties, which are undertaken in addition to ordinary civilian work, but for some reason not explicable, a considerable financial burden is placed on the Colony's finances to defray the cost of the aforesaid "Wavy Navy", and it is a moot point whether the duties of this Naval Volunteer force are any more arduous or dangerous than those of the Volunteer Corps.

Certainly it would seem that the rates of pay enjoyed by the "Wavy Navy" are infinitely higher, and more easily earned than that of the Royal Navy personnel.

The considerable sum of money saved by placing the "Wavy Navy" on a similar footing in regard to pay, as that of their Volunteer brethren would enable the Colony to increase the financial War Effort of this Colony very materially.

Perhaps something might be done about it?
D.E.L.

Attack On Malta

CAIRO, May 26 (Reuter).—Enemy planes made a machine-gun attack on Ta Kall aerodrome, Malta, yesterday, several enemy planes being damaged.

War Brings Economic Changes To Europe

By MERRIMAN SMITH
United Press Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, May 26.—Italian housewives return empty tin cans much like other nationals leave empty bottles for the milkman; Japanese shipbuilders have abandoned steel in favour of wood; new auto tyres are disappearing in Europe. These and other commercial and industrial quirks were reported recently by the Commerce Department as evidence of economic changes resulting from the war.

In addition to new developments abroad for sidestepping shortages of essential materials, there have been reports of several inventions of military importance.

German scientists were reported to be experimenting with a silent aeroplane engine which would enable bombers to approach enemy objectives at night without detection. Berlin claims were cited, reporting "a certain amount of success has already been achieved" with the silent motors and that such motors were used in the Polish campaign.

"It is also claimed that several ships in operation in the North Sea have been successfully equipped with them and that the experiments are being made on both gasoline and Diesel engines," the department said.

New Locomotive
German engineers also were reported to have developed a new electric express locomotive capable of hauling eight cars at speeds well over 100 miles per hour.

Britain has urged housewives to use sodium bicarbonate in cooking fruit to conserve sugar supplies.

German production of metallic containers has been sharply curtailed because of military needs. Many commodities now come in glass containers.

A metal shortage in Japan has caused the use of wood instead of iron and steel in building small ships for "near-sea" service. Cost of a wooden Japanese ship was reported as being half the cost of a steel vessel of the same dimensions.

In Italy, according to the Commerce Department, housewives give their grocery empty tin cans for each new one when purchasing canned goods.

Motor Tyres
E. G. Holt, leather and rubber expert for the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, said it was virtually impossible now for a private citizen of European countries to get new automobile tyres. He said reports from abroad told of wholesale stoppage of civilian use of automobiles because of military requirements on rubber and gasoline stocks.

Some new tyres are available in Britain, but motorists are urged to have old tyres retreaded.

The Italian Government has ordered all owners of auto tyres and tubes to report holdings, and has notified the public of the government's right to requisition them for military use at any time. Transfer of privately-owned tyres from one person to another is forbidden.

Ghost Story Stopped During Raid

When George Jenkins, aged seventy-six, gets fastened on to a good ghost story it takes a lot to shake him off.

George, who is very deaf, lived alone in a room behind a Plymouth shop. Every night after black-out curtains had been drawn he would put on his reading spectacles, draw his armchair up to the oil stove, and read thrillers.

Just as he reached a blood-curdling description of a midnight apparition one night recently, a shadow fell across the page. He started, looked up. Before him were three steel-helmeted men in overalls.

"Come out of it, quick," shouted one of the men.

George was puzzled. "Quick," shouted the men in chorus as they grabbed him by the arms and hustled him outside seconds before the ceiling of his room caved in.

Bewildered
George looked around, bewildered. A building was burning. Everywhere shops and houses were in ruins.

His own shop front had been shattered. A heavy bomb had crashed about forty yards away.

"I thought I felt something shake my chair," said George—"just when the fellow in the haunted castle heard the dungeon door bang."

"Queen's Messengers" Are Food Convoys For Blitz Sufferers

The Queen recently inspected in the courtyard of Buckingham Palace the first two convoys of a fleet of vehicles which will take provisions to bombed areas. Eight vehicles of these "flying squads" which she inspected were her personal gift, and the other ten were given by the British War Relief Society of America.

The Queen acceded to the suggestion of Lord Woolton, Minister of Food, that the convoys should be called "The Queen's Messengers."

"It is a great pleasure to me to inaugurate the mission of good will which this service of food convoys represents," her Majesty said. "They will serve, I trust, as a symbol of that fellowship which unites all of us who share a common danger to-day."

"I am glad to think that they should be called 'The Queen's Messengers' and that they should go forth on their various ways bearing my name."

Instant Relief
"It is my hope that they will have a double value—they will not only provide what is sorely needed, but they will do what is not less vital, they will bring it on the instant and will bridge the gap between destruction and swift reorganisation."

"The convoys which I have seen this morning form part only of a much larger fleet, and many of these have been provided by the generosity of the British War Relief Society of America."

"By coming forward to supplement the scale of the venture as it was first planned our friends in the United States of America have immensely enlarged its usefulness, and to those kind people who have made our cause their own I would express a very real gratitude."

"The message which I would entrust to these convoys will not be one of encouragement, for courage is never lacking to the people of this country. It will rather be one of true sympathy and of loving kindness. It is with that message that I wish them Godspeed as they set out on their pilgrimage to-day."

W.V.S. Crews
The Queen afterwards talked to members of the Women's Voluntary Service who formed the crews.

Within a month 18 convoys were put in service.

A convoy includes a water carrier, two kitchen lorries capable of providing 2,000 meals an hour, two food store lorries carrying sufficient tea, bread, sugar, margarine and soap to provide meals for 4,500 people, and three mobile canteens holding enough to feed 500 people.

The convoys will cost about £80,000.

Britain's Children Learn Country Life

By WILLIAM R. DOWNS
United Press Staff Correspondent

LONDON, May 26 (UP).—"Dead End" kids from the city to-day are learning to milk cows, and herbiboned little girls from Bristol, London and Manchester are finding out from whence eggs come.

Mr Harold Ramsbotham, President of the Board of Education, said that the 600,000 school children removed from city danger areas to "barnyard" evacuee schools in the country now have greater practical education facilities than they ever had before.

"I dare say some folk have conjured up pictures of schooling abandoned and children largely left uncared for and running wild," Ramsbotham said. "I am glad to say, however, that such a picture has no relation to the actual position."

He admitted that the task had been a difficult one, but said his department had handled satisfactorily two great migrations of school-children within a year. The first was in September 1939, and the second in September 1940.

Besides the 600,000 children already in evacuee schools, there are another 1,000,000 still in potentially dangerous areas who may have to be removed to the country, he said.

Loss of Facilities
Mr Ramsbotham admitted that education facilities had suffered by the move through loss of facilities for special work in science, handicraft and related subjects.

"On the other hand they have gained all the stimulus of a new environment and new experiences. The introduction of town children to country life has in itself been an education for them," he said. He praised the courage of the youngsters. "They certainly are giving the lie to the suggestion that the younger generation is 'soft'."

Mr Ramsbotham told of a nine-year-old boy who snuffed out a fire with an old pair of trousers and of a boy scout, his arms and legs crushed, lying in the wreckage of his home, directing rescuers to other victims in the debris.

Grin and Bear It
"The children seem to have made their motto 'grin and bear it,' he remarked.

"I believe we shall reap the benefit of a better understanding between town and country as a result of this great movement of child population. Thus we can secure the foundations of a greater social unity."

"Moreover, many children from our cities are showing a great liking for country life and may wish to continue it. I constantly get reports of improved health and alertness due to sound sleep, fresh air, good food, and exercise. It is a good life, and I believe we have not failed," Mr Ramsbotham said.

They Plump For Nephew Of Churchill

For years sedate persons whispered solemnly about the "comings on" of young Esmond Romilly, nephew of Winston Churchill.

He first came into the limelight when he made a hasty exit from a fashionable English school after editing a paper called "Out of Bounds," which "exposed" the public school system.

Then he shocked the "nice people" by publishing another magazine which he personally hawked around the streets of London.

The nice people were shocked again in 1936, when Esmond went to Spain to fight Franco, who had many appeaser friends in high London circles then.

Famous Chase

After that young Esmond dared to fall in love with Jessica Freeman Mitford, daughter of Lord Redesdale and sister of Hitler's friend Unity.

There was that famous chase through France and Spain by relatives in an endeavour to stop the marriage.

In 1938 Mr and Mrs Romilly lived in London in a furnished bed-sitting room. Then they emigrated to the United States third class.

A year ago young Esmond was working in a Miami bar. He and Jessica had motored there in a dilapidated car.

The other day, in a huge Malton Air Force training school near Toronto every man was asked to vote on which pupils would make the best officers. They selected three men.

The first was an aircraftman named Esmond Romilly.

Baby Born On Edge Of Bomb Crater

A WOMAN was about to have a baby in the maternity ward of a Plymouth hospital during a recent raid when heavy bombs crashed on the building. She was flung from her bed. When the dust and smoke had cleared they saw her lying in the debris on the edge of a bomb crater.

Nurses and doctors, some of them injured, ran to her. Though bombs were still raining down and buildings ablaze, they calmly went on attending to the mother.

Ten minutes later the baby was born—and he and his mother are now doing well.

Mothers, babies and nurses were killed in the ward. A direct hit on the children's ward killed a number of little patients.

Heavy bombs fell outside two women's wards and blew in the walls. No one was injured.

Heroic Nurses
All through the raid nurses and doctors worked heroically dressing and operating on injured patients. "The nurses were magnificent," said the medical superintendent.

himself a casualty. "Several of them were injured, but they just wouldn't give up."

It was the third time the hospital had been bombed. It is now being evacuated.

As policemen carried out the bodies of small children killed outright, men and women who had been on raid duty all night could not keep back their tears.

Lasted Long
Many thousands of incendiaries, followed almost at once by showers of high explosives, were dropped.

The raid lasted several hours. Three churches were destroyed by fire and a second hospital damaged. A cinema crowded with people was set alight, but the fire on the roof was quickly extinguished.

Secret Drug Will Reduce Operations

A new British drug to arrest bleeding, which is now being tried out, is expected to save thousands of lives and eliminate the necessity for many types of operations.

The new drug is manufactured in tablet form. It is the result of long research by a firm of manufacturing chemists.

For some months now it has been tested out secretly at the Royal Samaritan Hospital for Women in Glasgow, and the result of these tests is shortly to be announced to the medical profession.

Successes

Dr John Hewitt, senior surgeon at the hospital, is to embody the result in a paper he is preparing.

Until this paper has been published, the hospital insists on strict secrecy about details of the new method.

It is known, however, that it has proved valuable in many cases.

Necklace Would Not Come Off

Last autumn when Lily Pons arrived in San Francisco for her opera season, she found herself without sufficient jewelry to dress one of her roles.

Finding Paul Flato, the New York jeweller, in town to open a California branch, she appealed to him; and he delivered a \$250,000 necklace on loan for her evening performance.

Arriving back at his hotel at 2 a.m., Mr Flato found a hastily scribbled note in his box, "Lily cannot from your necklace get out."

He tried to contact her but her phone had been cut off. As he had to leave on the dawn plane for Los Angeles, Mr Flato's necklace adorned Miss Pons for the next 16 hours.

Late that evening Andre Kostantantz arrived by air from Hollywood armed with directions from his friend, Mr Flato, on how to unlock the double clasp.

Planes Over Britain

LONDON, May 26 (Reuter).—There was some slight activity by enemy aircraft to-day in the coastal areas, states the Air Ministry.

Bombs dropped on a town on the east coast this afternoon caused some damage and a small number of casualties.

RARE CHINESE ART TREASURE

LONDON, May 25 (Central News).—A rare Chinese art treasure formed the chief purchase by the British Museum during 1940, according to a report of the National Art Collection Fund.

The acquisition was a lacquer toilet box made in the early Han period which is considered by British experts as the most important early Chinese lacquer left in the Far East. It was bought for £800.

That purchases of Chinese art treasures continues despite the war is evidence of the deep favourable impression made by the Chinese Art Exhibition at Burlington House, London, 1930.

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Nazis Admit Complicity In Iraq

LONDON, May 27 (Reuter).—German circles in Ankara admit that Raschid Ali upset their time-table when he decided to fight the British at the beginning of May, according to the Columbia radio commentary broadcast from Ankara early to-day. The commentator stated that a German spokesman told him that trouble in Iraq was not expected to develop until the Germans had taken Crete and Cyprus.

The Germans, however, do not feel that all is lost but suggest that Raschid Ali may operate at Mosul and concentrate guerrilla warfare to prevent the British massing troops on the eastern Syrian frontier.

Arab Army In Syria

The commentator declared that the Arab army organised by German agents in Syria was expected to play a major role.

The whole German aim is to keep the British out of Mosul and the oil lands until the Germans have established themselves firmly in Syria. The commentator added that Turkey has decided to take interest in principal on her munitions debt to Czechoslovakia, that is to the Skoda Works, which are in German hands.

Trade Follows Nippon Army

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
TOKYO, May 26 (Doherty).—Japanese department stores will be opened in Bangkok, capital of Thailand, and Hanoi or Saigon in French Indo-China, according to a plan discussed at the annual meeting of the Japan Department Stores Association held in Tokyo to-day.

In addition to department stores, the Association also discussed plans for opening "wholesale stores" in Thailand and French Indo-China for the benefit of both native and Japanese retailers in those countries.

The Mitsubishi, the Shikoku and other big department stores will send their representatives to Thailand and French Indo-China as well as other South Sea countries to inquire into the possibilities of opening new markets for Japanese goods.

America To Safe-Guard Battleships

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vessel and therefore, the plans for the new United States cruisers were drawn to correct these flaws.

They drew attention to the Battle of Jutland in which it was learned that battle-cruisers, when they sacrifice armour for speed and heavy guns, invite destruction when they engage heavily armoured battleships carrying equal armament. The 21 year-old Hood was no match for the two-year-old Bismarck which is believed to be able to fire heavy delayed action shells with her long range guns.

Full Protection

Naval authorities declared that the new ships for the United States Navy are still in process of drafting; however, they would be fully protected against a direct hit from the magazine, which was the doom of the Hood. Observers said that the United States has always insisted that the great need for shipbuilders and designers was to provide the utmost protection for the vital, vulnerable parts—magazines, gun turrets and conning towers—and therefore the U.S. probably leads the world in that field.

Naval experts stated that modern science, plus the experience gained in the Hood-Bismarck encounter will be used advantageously when the keels of the new battle-cruisers are laid.

Although they lacked official details, the experts believed that an extra heavy projectile, possibly a delayed second shell, flashed through a previously battered gun turret aboard the Hood, which was probably protected against the shell but not the weight.

It is believed that modern gun barrel and compression chamber inventions played a large part in the success of the German warships.

Republican's Warning

Representative Melvin Maus, ranking Republican on the House Naval Affairs Committee to-day warned that if the United States Navy hoped to achieve world supremacy, the designers must always be ahead of foreign experts. He declared that safety lies only in building "bigger, better, faster and more powerful warships," and added that the United States building programme is at present meeting the requirements except as regards Japan, who is reported to be building ships larger than any heretofore contemplated; however, he asserted, "We are able to build more than she can."

Passionate Plea By Menzies

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I passionately beg you to follow the example of Britain.

Bombing of Britain

Speaking of the bombing of Britain, Mr. Menzies said that no account he had ever read of bombing before going to England could possibly do justice to the magnificent people of the Mother Country. The war was producing a new order of civility whose knights were found in the back streets and lanes of Britain.

"In these people burns the finest flame of courage the world has ever seen," he returned, "burning enthusiasm on the subject of war, men are doing for Great Britain."

They Sent The Dean 100 Fakes

The Very Rev. Edgar Rogers, Dean of Bocking, Essex, has the love of old coins in his blood—an ancestor of his was a Master of the Mint in Queen Elizabeth's reign.

Fifteen months ago, the dean went to a meeting of the Duke of Gloucester's Red Cross and St John Fund. "Why not raise money by asking people to give their old coins?" he suggested.

More than a million coins and medals—three tons of them, filling 129 mailbags—have been the answer.

When his appeal was made coins began to roll into the deanery.

Found Gold

A sorting depot was opened in London, and the dean went up to town every few days, took off his coat and sorted hundredweight after hundredweight of dusty coins.

He has detected 100 clever forgeries of ancient coins. A parcel of Sunday-school medals, worthless except as scrap, contained a valuable Spanish gold coin.

A rare Persian gold coin was concealed in a boxful of Belgian centimes worth only a few pence.

The gems of the collection were to be sold under the hammer at Sotheby's.

Washington Tensely Awaits Big Speech

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to Britain and China including war if necessary? That is what every diplomat here is anxiously asking.

What Willkie Wants

NEW YORK, May 26 (UP).—Mr. Wendell Willkie to-day urged that President Roosevelt in his fireside chat on Tuesday night serve notice on totalitarian leaders everywhere that America intends to help halt the aggressor Powers and totalitarianism.

Referring to the sinking of the Hood during his speech at the termination of the parade climaxing the United China Relief Campaign, Mr. Willkie stated: "I doubt if any American citizen to-day, after reading the news of what happened yesterday, can doubt that America is facing the greatest crisis in all its history."

Chased From A Tram Student Lost Money

Chan Man, 23, unemployed, was sentenced to six months' hard labour by Mr. G. T. Coopers at Central Magistracy this morning for larceny of \$95 from Tsi Kuei-lam, medical student.

Sergeant MacDonald said that about 1 p.m. on May 25, just as Complainant was boarding a tram near the Sincere Company, he felt a tug at his left jacket pocket. He did not suspect anything at the time but on the tram he discovered that his money was missing.

He saw Defendant pass a number of dollar bills to another man and then alight from the tram. Suspecting him, Complainant followed Defendant out of the tram and gave chase. Two other men on the tram, who Complainant alleges were Defendant's accomplices, blocked his way and tried to prevent him from giving chase. Complainant shouted for help at the same time pointing to Defendant. A Chinese constable then chased and arrested Defendant. Defendant pleaded guilty to the charge.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary, issued yesterday, is:—

Buyers.

Bank of East Asia \$71
H.K. Fire Ins. \$176
Indo-China (Pref) \$80
Docks \$14.80
Hotels \$2.85
Lands \$31
Realities \$2.70
Trams \$15.75
Lights "O" \$5.70
Lights "Y" \$1.20
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Sellers.

H.K. Banks \$1.310/12½
Providents \$5
Electric "O" X. Rts \$21.50
Electric Rts \$11
Cements \$13.50

LATE NEWS

Japan's Navy Prepares Minister's Hint

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
TOKYO, May 27 (UP).—The vernacular newspapers to-day give prominence to the statement made by the Navy Minister, Admiral Oikawa, in connection with the 30th Navy Day, or the anniversary of the Japan Sea battle with Russia.

The Admiral asserted that the Japanese Navy, owing to the existing unprecedentedly serious international situation, was "strengthening more thoroughly the means for an armed solution of the China affair, while on the other hand it was engaged in training day and night in order to respond to the call for any emergency. We must remind ourselves that one can only depend on our own Power."

Smart Work By Chinese Constable

Dock Rivets Stolen

Found in a lorry which contained 1,400 cetties of rivets, Wong Kan, 35, unemployed, was convicted on a charge of unlawful possession by Mr. A. N. Macfadyen at Central Magistracy this morning and was sentenced to one month's hard labour.

Sergeant Kinloch said that about 8.35 a.m. on May 24, a Chinese constable saw a lorry travelling along King Road, Shaukwan, towards Causeway Bay. He saw a number of sacks on the lorry and suspected that they contained stolen property. The constable gave chase in a private car and stopped the lorry in Causeway Bay near the tram terminus. The lorry driver was questioned and he told the constable that the load was the property of Defendant who was on the lorry.

Looking For Buyer

Defendant was questioned and said he collected the rivets for sale. In Court Defendant said he was not taking the rivets to any particular destination but was merely looking for a buyer.

Sergeant Kinloch said that investigations revealed that the rivets were the property of the Tai Kok Dockyard, and asked that an order be made for the return of the rivets to the Dockyard. The order was granted.

Albert Gold Medal For Mr Roosevelt

LONDON, May 26 (British Wire- less).—The Council of the Royal Society of Arts, with the approval of their President, the Duke of Connaught, have decided to confer on President Roosevelt the Albert Gold Medal of the Society "in recognition of his pre-eminent services to humanity as a fearless and resolute champion of the ideals of national freedom and individual liberty."

The Albert Medal of the R.S.A. was struck in 1884 to commemorate the Presidency of the Society, which was held by Prince Albert from 1843 to 1861.

It is awarded for "distinguished merit in promoting the arts, manufactures and commerce."

Among previous recipients are Queen Victoria, King Edward VII, King George V, Thomas Edison, Orville Wright, Louis Pasteur, Guglielmo Marconi, and Madame Curie.

Anti-Sabotage Prosecution

Refused To Open Parcel At Watchman's Request

Charged with a breach of discipline against the Anti-Sabotage Regulations by wilfully disobeying a lawful command to open a parcel brought on board the ship, three members of the crew of a British ship in the harbour appeared before Cmdr J. Jolly in the Marine Court this morning, when the case was adjourned until to-morrow for the Captain of the ship to appear in Court.

Defendants, Chang Nei-chen, 51, trilmann, Chang Shih-ching, 34, assistant comprador, and Woo Ping-liang, 36, the comprador's watchman, are alleged to have refused to allow the watchman to inspect their parcel yesterday. They pleaded not guilty to the charge.

Captain Not Present

Mr E. Cox-Walker, Preventive Officer for Messrs Jardine, Matheson and Company, Ltd, said that the anti-sabotage watchman on the ship had been told to examine any suspicious parcel coming on board. The Captain was not present as the ship had since been shifted to a buoy in the harbour.

In adjourning the case, Cmdr Jolly said that he would like to hear what the Captain had to say on the matter. Defendants are on bail of \$25 each.

China Looks To U.S.: Gauss In Chungking

CHUNGKING, May 26 (Reuter).—"The world is now looking to the United States as the last citadel of civilisation," Mr Lin Sen, Chairman of the Chinese National Government here, told Mr Clarence Gauss, the new United States Ambassador to China.

Presenting his credentials, Mr Gauss expressed his firm conviction that the principles for which the peoples of China and the United States stand for—freedom and liberty—would finally prevail.

He added that the long-standing American friendship for China had been enhanced by their admiration of the Chinese determination to defend their freedom.

Referring to American assistance to China, Mr Gauss said that the United States was now becoming a great arsenal for those peoples who were defending their liberty, freedom and independence.

Faith In China's Destiny

Recalling that he had been 20 years in China, he stressed his great faith in the Chinese people and his confidence in China's destiny.

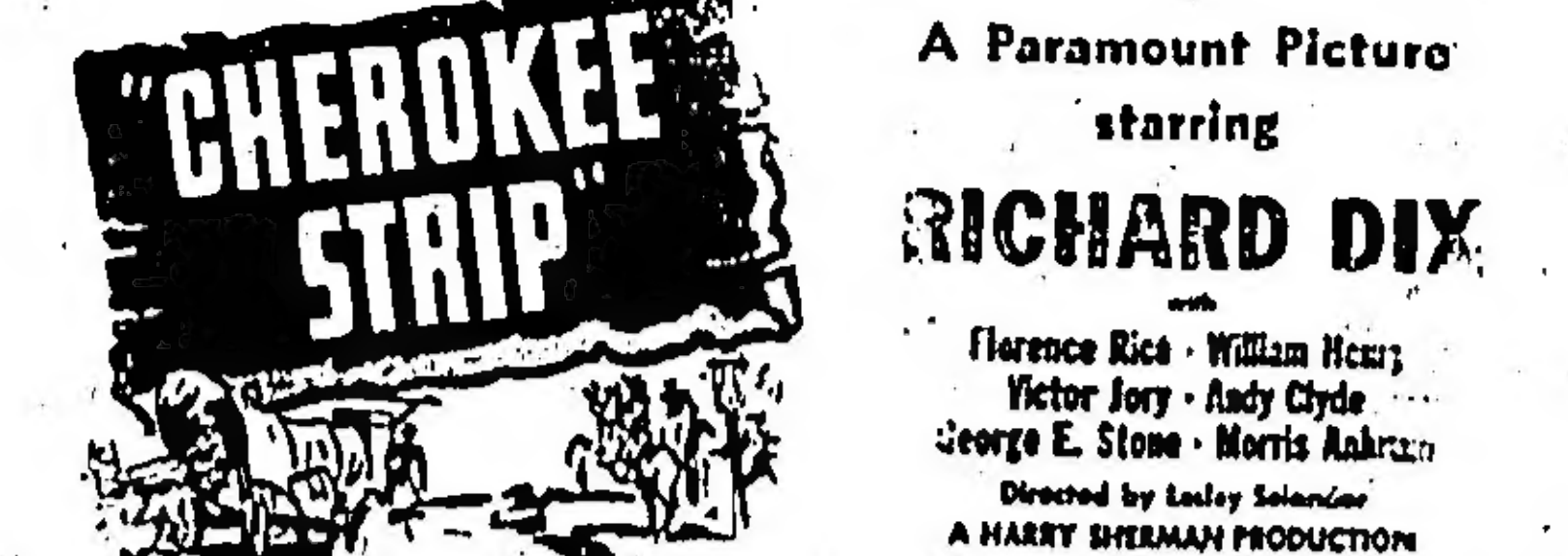
Mr Lin Sen, replying, expressed the appreciation and gratitude of the Chinese people for the assistance they had received and undoubtedly would continue to receive from the United States.

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